



PLANNING COMMITTEE

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: 9 June 2009

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Chairman: Councillor Smith
The Town Mayor (Councillor Leighton)

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| Councillors: | Beinhorn | Mrs Burton | Callow |
| | East | Evans | Mrs Evans |
| | Gagen | Gudgeon | Hopkins |
| | Nash | Parsons | A R Taylor |
| | Mrs Taylor | C S Winchcombe | Mrs Winchcombe |

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2009 and which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

5. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached (doc 5/1).

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so at the Planning Department, Wiltshire Council, Browfort, Bath Road, Devizes.

6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

7. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Recommendation

That the committee note the planning performance indicators for financial year 2008-09

Purpose of the Report

To appraise the committing of how many plans the committee determined within 14 days of receipt.

Background

Set out below s the planning performance result for considering plans within 14 days.

| <u>Recommended Revised Performance Management Indicator</u> | <u>Recommended Revised Description</u> | Source | Reporting Frequency | Targets | Actual 2008-09 |
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| % of Planning Applications considered and noted by the Council within the Planning Authority prescribed time scales. | Calculated between receipt of application to date response dispatched. | Planning database | Yearly | 95% | 84.9% being 118 out of 139 |

From time to time plans arrive at the Town Hall after an agenda has been dispatched and therefore these cannot be considered within the 14 days parish Councils are allocated

Options Considered

The committee needs to adopt this result and decide if they have any comments they wish to make to officers about how they can influence the figures.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial implications attached to the agenda item

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Monitoring performance should be seen a good governance for the Council

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications attached to the agenda item

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implications attached to the agenda item

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – SPEED LIMITS IN RESIDENTIAL AREA

Attached to this agenda is a copy of a letter received from Wiltshire Council (Doc 8/1) concerning speed limits in residential area.

The letter explains that at this time no definitive answer can be given in relation to speed limits until after new members are elected. The letter goes on to say that currently Wiltshire Council supports the introduction of 20 mph zones where circumstances allow. However the letter also says that it is far more of a challenge to “retro – fit” speed limit in existing area compared with having them intergraded into new housing schemes.

In addition to the letter written from Wiltshire Council, letters have been received from Robin Lane (doc 8/2) and Revd John Hawthorne (doc 8/3), concerning the speed and level of traffic in Long Street. They are asking that the Council again discuss the issue of speed restrictions. Officers feel that this may be an area that the Councillors East and Smith could bring up when they meet with PC Adam Hall.

Councillor Parsons requested that an agenda item be brought to the next meeting to discuss dropped kerbs on the pavements along Hillworth Road and at the Long Street entrance to Morris Lane

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – DROPPED KERBS LONG STREET AND HILLWORTH ROAD

Recommendation

That the committee advises officers if they wish to support Councillor Parson’s request to pursue the installation of dropped kerbs in on the pavements along Hillworth Road and at the Long Street entrance to Morris Lane.

Purpose of the Report

To decided if this committee wishes to support Councillor Parson request.

Background

At the meeting of this committee on the 26 May Councillor Parson asked if an agenda item be brought to this meeting to discuss dropped kerbs on the pavements along Hillworth Road and at the Long Street entrance to Morris Lane.

The committee did consider this issue over a year ago, resulting in a letter being written to the then Wiltshire County Council to ask what plans they have to install dropped kerbs in these areas. No response was every received.

Councillor Parson believes that there are significant difficulties for people using wheelchairs and pushing prams in these areas and the Town Council should again try to address this problem

Option to Consider

The Committee needs to decide if they wish to pursue this matter.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial implications attached to the agenda item

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Any work undertaken would be done using Wiltshire Council's powers

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications attached to the agenda item

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implications attached to the agenda item

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998

9. QUESTION TIME

Members will be allowed a short period in which to put questions on matters within the remit of this Committee, which are not contained in the reports of matters formally, considered by the Committee at this meeting. The question may be answered at the meeting or may be referred back to the Committee at a later date. The question may not be the subject of any further details.

TOWN CLERK