

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Date: 13 October 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)

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 29 September 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 INFORMATION – DEFECTIVE PAVEMENT REPORT

Councillor Evans attended an inspection on 11 September with Mr Peter Wilks from Wiltshire Council as he recorded faults on the town's pavements.

During the inspection the following areas are checked; Northgate Street, Market Place, Little Brittox, Brittox, Maryport Street, Monday Market Street, High Street, Long Street and St John's Street.

Mr Wilks photographed and recorded areas that had loose or raised paving and raised utility covers (above paving height). Some of the works have already been progressed.

A full report from Wiltshire Council has been requested and another inspection will be taken with Mr Wilks in November.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – APPEAL DECISION – K/059529/LBC – EAST LODGE, OLD PARK, DEVIZES

The Planning Inspectorate dismissed an appeal made by the applicant. This Council did not object to the original application.

9. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF INSPECTORS’ REPORTS AND ADOPTION OF WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON MINERALS AND WAST DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DPDs

Attached is a copy of a letter received from Wiltshire Council confirming that they and Swindon Borough Council have received the final Inspectors Reports.

10. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON HILLWORTH ROAD

A response has now been received from Wiltshire Council Highways regarding the progress of the issue of double yellow lines on Hillworth Road.

Resident on the opposite side of Hillworth Road to that where the double yellow are proposed were concerned that this would encourage motorists to park on their side of the road and impede access to drives and as such Wiltshire Council are investigating further options, after which they would welcome a site meeting with Town Council representatives to discuss alternative schemes, however resources will not be realistically available until the next financial year in order to prepare details plans. Officers will advise the committee when proposed dates for a site meeting are available.

11. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON ROTHERSTONE

Wiltshire Council Highways have advised that the Devizes Traffic Regulation Order will come into operation later this year, possibly December, however no firm date is available at this time.

12. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – HIGHWAY WORKS AS BREWERY CORNER

Wiltshire Council has now advised officers that works on the improvements to Brewery Corner have been programmed to commence on 18 January 2010, however no formal programme of works is available yet but the duration is likely to be in the region of 6 weeks. An information item on this project, outlining more details, will go to the November Devizes Area Board meeting.

13. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – PROPOSED REPOSITIONING OF ZEBRA CROSSING ON ST JOHN’S STREET

The detailed design of the scheme is now substantially complete and the Traffic Regulation Order associated with this project is due to be advertised in November 2009, during which time members of the public will be invited to write letters of comment.

If objections are received, the report will be then go to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways for a decision on whether to proceed. Assuming permission is given it is anticipated implementation would be February/March 2010.

14. REPORT FOR DECISION - NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING PROVISION FOR BATH ROAD DEVIZES

The Town Council have been asked if they would like to make any comments regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Bath Road which was recently raised at an Area Board (262).

The Area Board have been requested to explore, with other agencies, the possibility of a crossing to help residents and children accessing schools in the area and crossing for bus stops from residential areas in the vicinity now additional homes have been built in the area and an increase in traffic. This has been an ongoing issue for several years.

The committee are requested to consider the request by the Area Board to support or otherwise the feasibility of pursuing the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Bath Road.

15. REPORT FOR DECISION – CONTROLLING TRAFFIC AT CHURCH WALK

The Town Council has been consulted regarding the volume of traffic using Church Walk, Devizes as a cut through route to avoid the main road. The speed at which traffic sometimes travels and the ensuing safety issues for small children either on the way to school or using the play area on The Green are all issues. This route also appears on many satellite navigation systems adding to the congestion.

The Area Board (313) has requested that the Town Council, along with other agencies, consider how to resolve these issues.

16. 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 questions may not be the subject of any further details.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK