



Devizes Town Council

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Date: 8 June 2010

Time: 7.00pm.

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Smith

Chairman: Councillor Mrs Evans

Councillors:	Beinhorn	Mrs Bridewell	Mrs Burton
	Callow	East	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 25 May 2010 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – CLEARING OF PAVEMENTS

At a meeting of this committee on 25 May 2010, Councillor Mrs Winchcombe asked if officers would be liaising with Wiltshire Council, as previously done with Kennet District Council, to eradicate the weeds growing on pavements in the town prior to South West in Bloom.

Officers are now in a position to advise that this has been arranged with the Unitary Council, as per last year.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – PAVEMENTS BY THE BLACK HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE

Wiltshire Council has now advised that remedial works to the lifted section of the pavement by the Black Horse public house on Bath Road will be during the resurfacing of Bath Road.

9. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – IMPROVEMENTS TO PANS LANE PAVEMENTS

Councillor C S Winchcombe asked, at the last meeting, when works will be carried out to the pavements on Pans Lane.

Wiltshire Council have advised that the only works scheduled for this area is the installation of a dropped kerb at the junction with Edward Road.

10. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Attached is a copy of the statutory notice, which is required by Wiltshire Council to undertake its street naming and numbering powers as a unitary council.

11. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – STANFORD COURT

A letter from Stanford Court Residents Association is attached for members' information (doc 11/1).

12. REPORT FOR DECISION – REDUCING UNNECESSARY STREET LIGHTING

Recommendation

The committee considers if they wish Devizes to take part in a Wiltshire Council initiative to reduce unnecessary street lighting in the town.

Purpose of the Report

To guide officers on whether to pursue this initiative with Wiltshire Council.

Background

At a recent Area Board meeting Peter Binley, Highway Network Maintenance Manager gave a presentation on Wiltshire Council's plans to reduce unnecessary street lighting in Wiltshire, which in turn will reduce the County's carbon footprint, reduces the amount of light pollution and reduce energy costs.

A pilot has been run in Urchfont with some success and therefore Wiltshire Council would now like to extend this scheme to other areas. £5,000 has been made available to the area board area for timers to be retro fitted to lamp columns, which will turn them off during the early hours of the morning. Not every location will be suitable for street lighting to be turned out, but where safety is not an issue it should be seriously considered.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they wish officers to pursue this matter.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any resource or financial implications associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Parish Council Act 1957, s3 and the Highways Act 1982, s301 give the Town Council powers to light roadways and public places.

Environmental Implications

The proposed scheme gives a number of environmental implications which have been summarised in the report.

Risk Assessment

Before any lamp column is turned out, a risk assessment will be undertaken to identify its impact on traffic movements and pedestrian safety.

Crime and Disorder

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

13. 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.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK