



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: 3 August 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 20 July 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PARKING STRATEGY

Recommendation

The Committee are recommended to consider the new Wiltshire Council parking strategy and decide if it wishes to respond to any of the questions set out in the document.

Purpose of the Report

To consider Wiltshire Council's draft parking strategy.

Background

Wiltshire Council are consulting on a new parking strategy for the county, which will form part of the emerging local transport plan for 2011 to 2026.

The document covers.

- Overall management of car parking in Wiltshire
- Management of the Council's car parking stock
- Setting of car park charges
- Car parking standards
- Visitor attraction parking
- Parking at railway stations
- Safety and mobility impairment

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Question 1 in the document relates to prioritising three objectives in order of importance.

The objectives are

- Supporting the local economy
- Encouraging sustainable travel
- Enhance the build and natural environment
- Meet the needs of residents
- As a mechanism for traffic calming
- To set charges in contest of neighbouring authorities
- Raise revenue for the Council
- Safety of users
- Provide access to key services for special needs
- Improve efficiency

Questions 2 to 24 relate to a range of proposed parking policies for the county, which will impact on their management. The committee will need to determine if Devizes is placed correctly within the proposed band 3 and are the proposed policies acceptable.

Question 25 gauges opinion on Wiltshire Council's proposed approach for the management of parking within land uses zones; this is to say shopping areas, residential areas and employment areas. In considering this, the committee needs to be minded on the impact on the Market Place.

Question 26 relates to three alternative charging strategies for the county, which take into account varying degrees of access to sustainability transport alternatives for areas. Question 27 relates to the length of time short stay car parks can be used for and Question 28 seeks views on proposed charges for Sunday parking. Currently there is no charging for parking in Devizes on a Sunday therefore the committee needs to decide if they feel this is appropriate for the town.

Question 29 relates to the procedure Wiltshire Council will follow if there is a demand in an area for a Residential Parking Zone. The committee has been asked to support residential parking schemes in the past therefore it needs to decide if this proposed mechanism will simplify the process for areas where such a scheme is appropriate but also offer a safeguard where such a scheme would be inappropriate.

The final question focuses on parking standards partially within residential areas. When considering planning applications the committee have expressed concerns about the availability of parking both within town centre developments and those on the edge of town. The committee needs to consider if the proposals deal with previously raised planning concerns.

Options Considered

Given the number of question that needs to be answered the committee needs to decide:

- If it wishes members to respond to the consultation as individuals; however this will mean that there is no formal response from this Council.
- If it wishes to select 3 members to put forward a recommendation that the Committee could then adopt at its meeting on the 17 August.
- If it wishes to consider its response to the consultation at this meeting.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications for the Town Council associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council is acting as a consultee in this matter.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications for the Town Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implications for the Town Council associated with this decision.

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. 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