

PLANNING COMMITTEE
16 SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Chairman: Councillor Leighton
The Town Mayor: Councillor Mrs Burton

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

Officers: Sarah Todhunter – Town Clerk
Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk

Members of the Public: Nil

225. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 September 2008 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

226. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Nash and Smith.

227. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Taylor declared an interest in minute number 233 as a resident, minute numbers 232 and 236 as a member of Wiltshire County; she did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillor Evans declared an interest in minute number 232 as a member of Kennet District Council; he did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillors Beinhorn, Evans, Mrs Evans and Mrs Winchcombe declared an interest in minute number 229 applications K/059310/F and K/059311/LBC as members of Kennet District Council; they did not leave the Council Chamber

Councillor Parsons declared an interest in minute number 229 as a member of Kennet District Council Regulatory Committee; he did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillor C S Winchcombe declared an interest in minute numbers 232 and 236 as a member of Wiltshire County, minute number 235 as a resident and a personal interest minute number 229 application K/059413/F; he did not leave the Council Chamber

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Councillor Mrs Winchcombe declared an interest in minute number 235 as a resident and a personal interest minute number 229, application K/059413/F; she did not leave the Council Chamber

228. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

229. FOR DECISION – KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

K/059310/F – no objections.

K/59311/LBC – no objections.

K/059358/ADV – no objections.

K/059359/LBC – no objections.

K/059386/F – no objections.

K/059413/F – it was proposed by Councillor Leighton, seconded by Councillor A R Taylor and agreed

THAT the committee objects to this application on the grounds that it is an over development and it is in an inappropriate location.

230. FOR INFORMATION – KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

The committee received and noted the report.

231. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – PARISH STEWARD PROGRAMME – AUTUMN 2008

The committee asked that Estcourt Hill, the footpath by St Mary's church and the road by Sedgefield Gardens are investigated and remedial works carried out.

232. REPORT FOR DECISION – DEVIZES PARKING REVIEW

It was requested that officers write to Mr Harris, Principle Traffic Engineer at Wiltshire County Council and ask what comments the Kennet District Council had made with regard to the parking review and whether or not those comments had been included in the latest draft.

It was proposed by Councillor Callow, seconded by Councillor Mrs Taylor and agreed

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THAT this Council objects to the decrease of the current 1 hour parking zone down to 30 minutes on the grounds that it give insufficient time for people to go about their business and would make Devizes an unattractive location for shopping and business. It would also provide a significant additional administrative burden.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Taylor and agreed

THAT the committee agreed to the introduction to the no waiting at any time around the bend on Rotherstone Lane however, the existing yellow lines along the edge of the cemetery should be reversed which will help to reduce the speed of the traffic.

It was proposed by Councillor A R Taylor, seconded by Councillor Parsons and agreed

THAT double yellow lines on the inbound route on Bath Road be moved further down to allow some limited parking by the Spar shop.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans and agreed

THAT the outbound route be implemented as specified.

Councillor Parsons requested that his objection to this proposal be recorded.

It was proposed by Councillor A R Taylor, seconded by Councillor C S Winchcombe and agreed

THAT the scheme ensures that the no waiting at any time on Queens Road joins with the existing no waiting at any time at the junction with Potterne Road, as this is not clear on the plan.

In addition to the above amendments to the scheme the committee welcomed the new loading bay at the top of the Brittox the improvements to Brickley Lane and the extension to the yellow lines in Hillworth Road.

The committee would like further clarification on the proposals for the High Street and the impact on the loading bay.

The committee made no further comments on any other aspects of the scheme, however the committee did ask that when the new schemes are implemented that all other yellow lines within he town are re painted.

233. REPORT FOR DECISION – SPEED LIMITED – LONDON ROAD

It was proposed by Councillor C S Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Burton and agreed

THAT the committee agrees to support Mrs Skippen in her application to the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police for stricter implementation of the 30mph speed restriction on London Road between Synergy Park and Canal Bridge and that a request be put to Wiltshire County Council highways to ask for repeater signs to be placed on the stretch of road.

AND THAT this item is referred to the Police and the Area Safety Committee.

234. REPORT FOR DECISION – RE-CONSIDER APPLICATION K/059240/F – MR MARTIN WHEELER, 5 MATILDA WAY, DEVIZES

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Taylor, seconded by Councillor Leighton and agreed

THAT following confirmed sizing from Kennet District Council the committee agrees to withdraw the previous objection.

235. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TEMPORARY ONE WAY TRAFFIC ORDER – NEW PARK STREET AND NEW PARK ROAD

Whilst the committee received and noted the report they were advised that the signage wasn't clear and asked if officers could write to Wessex Water and the Highways Department to request clearer signs.

236. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Parsons requested that the issue of the zebra crossing outside the Silk Mercer is brought back to the next meeting of this committee.

CHAIRMAN