



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 September 2015

Time: Directly following Special Full Council.

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Giraud Saunders

Chairman: Councillor Wooldridge

Councillors:	Mrs Bridewell	Mrs Burton	Carter
	Corbett	East	Evans
	Mrs Evans	Geddes	Hopkins
	Johnson	Nash	Ody
	Parker	Mrs Rose	Smith

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2015 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 on line at Wiltshire Council.

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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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

That all the temporary road closures for the Carnival weekend have now been approved.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Wiltshire Council has made an Order to temporarily close traffic as per attached (doc 8/1).

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREA

Recommendation

That the committee writes to Wiltshire Council seeking clarity on its intention to deal with the ongoing challenges of commuter parking in residential areas.

Purpose of the Report

To encourage Wiltshire Council to progress the delivery of a solution on parking in some residential area.

Background

Whilst there have been several discussions around the issues of difficulties for residents in some areas finding parking spaces near to their homes as a result of commuter traffic, this Council has not formally resolved what action it would wish Wiltshire Council to take.

At the end of 2014 this Council undertook residential surveys in relation to 9 areas seeking views on the difficulties they encounter and a copy of the questionnaire and the results are attached at doc (9/1- 9/3).

In summary most residents decided that the designation of residential parking was not what they wanted in their area with the exception of the area of Victorian housing in Victoria Road.

At its meeting in June, Councillor Phillip Whitehead addressed this committee to outline the option to support residents who live in streets where commuter parking is a problem by strongly advised that whilst residential parking schemes can help relieve the problems, they can also result in other difficulties which are as equally challenging to residents.

At that meeting no firm decision was taken about progressing the issue in this area and although Councillor Whitehead was clear that this Council believes that something needs to be done this lack of clarity has resulted in little progress being made.

Another residential area which this Council has been working with is Queens Road. Here there is greater clarity about what residents and the Council wishes to achieve, which is an extension of double yellow lines in areas where parked cars cause considerable congestion and inconvenience. This again was raised at the same meeting and has subsequently been followed up in writing.

In responding to various rounds of consultation from Wiltshire Council on its parking strategy, this Council needs to be clear that the strategy should make provision for commuter traffic by encouraging discounted or free parking in Station Road reducing the need to use residential areas.

Options Considered

In seeking clarity from Wiltshire Council on what its intentions are to deal with parking issues in residential areas, this Council needs to be clear what it sees as a workable solutions.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Other than any further consultation officers are unaware of any Financial or Resource Implications for this Council.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for this 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.

10. QUESTION TIME

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK