



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: 20 October 2015

Time: 7.00pm.

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 6 October 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 - PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREA

At a previous meeting of this committee, there was a general debate on parking in residential areas. It was agreed that whilst residential parking schemes have been looked at and may be appropriate in some areas, CATG should be asked to provide information on other management options to supports residents who struggle with commuter parking. This request has now been made to CATG and officers are informed that information should be available in the New Year.

Since considering the list of areas that may need a scheme to manage commuter parking, officers have received an email from a resident of Roseland Avenue. In her email she states that Roseland Avenue has become increasing busy not only with traffic using it as a cut through but also people using it as 'free parking' whilst they work in town. In addition, there appears to be several businesses that park their commercial vehicles in this residential area whilst they work in town.

Once the report is received from CATG, the committee may wish to consult with the residents of Roseland Avenue.

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – FOOTPATH ACROSS THE SMALL GREEN

The item has been placed on the agenda at the request of CATG

Recommendation

That the committee decides if wishes supports the upgrading of the pedestrian path across the Green.

Purpose of the Report

To seek Town Council agreement to allow the Air Quality group to improve the walking and cycling path across the Small Green.

Background

Following the air quality meeting on the 23 September and the Town Council's decision not to support initial proposal for path across the Small Green from Nursteed Road to Estcourt Street, an alternative proposal has been put forward. The attached artist's impression doc 8/2 shows an upgrade of the existing path on the Small Green is shown on doc 8/1.

The upgrade scheme is in line with the work done in the larger green involving widening and lighting.

There is no indication that any financial contribution is being sought from the Town Council.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they support the principle of upgrading the path across the Small Green at no cost to the Town Council.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

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

Environmental Implications

The purpose of the proposal is to encourage more residents to cycle and walk reducing the need for car travel and therefore helping to improve the town's air quality.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the 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.

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – OVERGROWN WALK WAY

Recommendation

To decide if the Town Council should place further pressure on Wiltshire Council to maintain clear walk ways around the town.

Purpose of the Report

To agree if the Town Council wishes to lobby Wiltshire Council to maintain clear walk ways.

Background

Concerns have been raised with officers from a number of members about lack of maintenance resulting in increased vegetation to the side of foot paths. This lack of maintenance makes it difficult for pedestrians to pass on pavements in some areas as well as increasing the risk of deterioration of foot ways through root damage.

The committee will be aware that Wiltshire Council has considered a number of capital projects to encourage greater footfall, which the Town Council been asked to comment on. Some members have questioned if there is a lack of continuity within the approach.

The Town Council does not have a copy of the path maintenance schedule, therefore it is not possible to advise if it is being adhered to. It may be that there is no schedule and as with drain clearance, it maybe based on a reactionary approach following complaints.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if believes that foot path in Devizes suffer from a significant problem of path width restriction resulting from and encroachment of undergrowth and if so, does it wish to take the matter up with Wiltshire Council.

If when writing, the committee also needs to consider of it wishes to highlight locations of concern where they believe weeds and undergrowth need to be cleared.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision.

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 the 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. REPORT FOR DECISION – FUNDING REQUEST FOR A REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER ON LONDON ROAD.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers a request from CATG to part fund a new bus shelter on London Road.

Purpose of the Report

To seek financial support from the Town Council for a new bus shelter on London Road.

Background

Residents from in both Victoria Road and The Croft who use the number 49 Bus Service have made a request that the bus shelter, which was located on London Road at the entrance into Victoria Road, be replaced. For those needing to catch the bus at this location there is no shelter from the weather which does cause considerable discomfort on inclement days.

The original bus shelter was installed in 2000/2001 as part of the route 49 Trans Wiltshire Project. This original bus shelter was destroyed by a car some 12 years ago, and there is no record of an insurance claim being paid.

Whilst the request has been received to part fund the bus shelter, there is no indication about the value of the contribution.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it supports this financial request.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of the financial implication at this time. There is £1200 remaining in the Street Furniture budget, which has currently been allocated for the rolling programme of bin replacement.

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 the 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.

11. REPORT FOR DECISION – PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, SIDMOUTH STREET

The committee are asked to consider if it has any objections to the temporary road closure of Sidmouth Street for a Christmas retail event on 20 November 2015 from 9am to 7pm, applied for by Devizes Town Council. Attached (doc 11/1) is the application and closure plan.

12. 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