

PLANNING COMMITTEE
16 FEBRUARY 2016

Present: Chairman: Councillor Wooldridge
Mayor: Councillor Giraud-Saunders

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

Officers: Simon Fisher, Deputy Town Clerk
Heather Bond

Student Advisors: Ezra Bigland
Douglas Speedhouse

Members of the Public: Two

831. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 February 2016 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

832. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

833. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Evans declared an interest in minute number 835 as a member of Wiltshire Council's East Planning Regulatory Committee; he did not leave the Council Chamber.

834. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present.

835. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

16/00609/FUL – no objections.

836. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

The committee received and noted the report.

837. REPORT FOR DECISION – FREE PARKING ALLOCATION

Councillor Philip Whitehead, from Wiltshire Council, explained that currently the Town Council receives 2 days of parking where it can apply for free parking in off street parking areas in the town for community events. However, on top of these 2 days many organisations approach Wiltshire Council to ask for free parking areas for their events. Wiltshire Council are now requesting that either they deal with all applications for free parking bays or the Town Council does, but not both. However once the off street parking bay allocation for the year are used then the Town Council would be charged for any additional parking bays.

Councillors asked many questions in particular how the Town Council can be charged for utilising the parking bays within the Market Place which is where most of the community events are held when, currently, motorists do not pay to park there and so therefore there would be no loss of revenue.

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Evans and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT although the Council had a preference that all requests for off street parking bay allocations should be made through the Town Council and not directly with Wiltshire Council, until Devizes Town Council knows, statistically, what it will be responsible for it will defer making a final decision.

Officers will be seeking clarification on the following points;

- The number of off street parking bays in Devizes.
- The proposed future annual free allocation of off street parking bays for community events in Devizes.
- The number and location of off street parking bays used for community events in 2015.
- The number and location of off street parking bays used for community events in 2014.
- The estimated value of lost revenue from the allocation of off street parking bays in Devizes for community events in 2015.
- The proposed cost per off street parking bay, should the Town Council need to increase its allocation.
- Confirm the position in relation to Sundays, bank holidays and evenings, where currently there is no charge.

The Chair thanked Councillor Whitehead for attending the meeting.

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838. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF: B3098 (PART) WESTBURY, BRATTON, EDINGTON, COULSTON, ERLESTOKE, CHEVERELL MAGNA, CHEVERELL PARVA AND WEST LAVINGTON

The committee received and noted the report.

839. QUESTION TIME

There were no question.

CHAIRMAN