



# 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: 29 MARCH 2016

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

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| 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 15 March 2016 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – 15/06925/LBC – APPEAL AGAINST PLANNING REFUSAL**

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed an appeal against planning refusal for retrospective listed planning permission for new signage at Christelles Beauty Salon, 44 & 45 New Park Street. This committee raised no objections to the application on 11 August 2015.

**8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – 15/01994/LBC AND 15/01995/ADV – APPEAL AGAINST PLANNING REFUSAL**

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed an appeal against planning refusal for listed building consent and advertisement consent for signage at D J Bewley Undertakers at 64 New Park Street. This committee strongly objected to the applications on 12 May 2015.

**9. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – COATE BRIDGE HOUSING PLANNING ENQUIRY**

It has been confirmed that the Planning Enquiry for the proposed Coate Bridge housing development has been confirmed for the first week in April. At its meeting on the 25 August the Planning Committee agreed that the Town Mayor, Cllr Giraud-Saunders should make oral representation to the Planning Inspector.

Whilst the date has been set for the enquiry, to date all we have been able to do is register an interest in speaking. It is likely that the programme for the hearing will not be available until after all parties have had an opportunity to register on the 4 April.

## **10. REPORT FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL EVENT PARKING POLICY**

### **Recommendation**

That the committee reviews the Event Parking Policy developed by Wiltshire Council and decided if the Town Council wished to raise any comments about it.

### **Purpose of the Report**

To receive and consider the new Wiltshire Parking Policy for the allocation of parking spaces events.

### **Background**

At its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the committee considered options put forward for the allocation free parking spaces to be used as part of community events.

At that meeting it was resolved 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, exactly, what it will be responsible for, it will defer making a final decision. Officers then asked for the following information;

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.

This information has not been forthcoming.

Wiltshire Council has now issued a policy on the subject, which is attached (Doc 10/1 –10/4).

In summary the policy places the decision as to whether to support an application for free event parking spaces on town and parish councils and although it seems that there is some clarity around how many spaces the Town Council are able to allocate and the responsibility placed on the authority providing permission, no information is provided confirming what spaces are included in the scheme and if Sundays and bank holidays are included. Ironically, there is also a requirement that the Town Council's make an application to use Wiltshire Council land although there is no clarity what this means.

The policy does seem to place a significant burden on town and parish councils to consult with Wiltshire Council.

### **Options Considered**

The committee needs to decide if it wishes to make a comment on this policy.

### **Implications and Risks**

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

At this time officers are unaware what the financial or resource implication for the Town Council are associated with this new policy

#### **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**

Whilst there is no risk in commenting on the policy as set out in the report, Officers are unable to determine the risk in terms of policy implementation as there is insufficient information about the Town Council's liability in granting free parking spaces.

#### **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 – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ANNUAL COUNTY PARADE AND REDEDICTION OF BANNERS**

Devizes Town Council has, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, applied for a temporary road closure on Sunday 12 June from 2.30pm to 3.30pm to carry out their Annual County Parade and Rededication of Banners.

This committee are asked if they have any comments to make on the application, details are attached (doc 11/1-11/3).

**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