



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: 12 July 2016

Time: 7.00pm.

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Mrs Burton

Chairman: Councillor Carter

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

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 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

There were no plans granted or refused.

7. REPORT FOR DECISION – LACK OF SIGNAGE FOR DEVIZES SCHOOL

Recommendation

That the Committee considered a request from a local resident to improve signage to Devizes School.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if further directional signage is needed to help visitors find the schools location.

Background

A local resident has registered a concern on the Area Board issues log which states *"There is a lack of signposting on the roads through the town to direct people to Devizes School. The school is set behind a wall at the back of The Green which means it is difficult to see from the Southbroom Road. Visitors to the school regularly say that the school is difficult to find"*.

The person making the comment is not sure there have ever been any directional signs to the school on any road signs in the town.

They feel that visitors to the school and local people who would not ordinarily have a reason to visit the school because they do not have children attending the school but may have other reasons to visit including community events.

The request is for directional signs to be installed on the Southbroom Road in both directions clearly indicating how to get to Devizes School. The school would be willing to fund the installation of the signs.

It is common practice for Wiltshire Council to seek Town and Parish Council support for any initiative which has a highway impact there therefore they are asking for our view.

In the past when such requests have come forward, there has been an indication that for the project to be delivered parish council funding will be essential. However on this occasion the person making the request has advised that the school would be willing to fund the installation of the signs.

Options Considered

The committee need to decide if they support the request for directional signs to be installed on the Southbroom Road in both directions clearly indicating how to get to Devizes School.

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.

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – SPEEDING CARS IN WINDSOR DRIVE

Recommendation

That the Committee considered a request from a local resident to tackle the perceive problem of speeding cars in Windsor Drive

Purpose of the Report

To decide if action needs to be taken in Windsor Drive to reduce a concern about speeding traffic.

Background

A local resident has registered on the Area Board issues log a concern which states *“Speeding by most vehicles some well over the speed limit”*.

The person making the comment explains the problem is between the 30mph sing and the primary school and has been going on years. The impact is on local residents and anyone waling alongside the road.

Whilst it cannot be disputed that the person making the report feels strongly about the issue, officers are unaware of any other concern being raised about the speed of traffic in this location.

It is common practice for Wiltshire Council to seek Town and Parish Council support for any initiative which has a highway impact there therefore they are asking for our view.

In the past when such requests have come forward, there has been an indication that for the project to be delivered parish council funding will be essential.

Options Considered

The committee need to decide if they feel it has been demonstrated that there is a problem in the area with speeding cars, and if it has what action should be taken to hep tackle the problem

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware what the level of financial or resource support will be requested from Wiltshire 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 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. 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