



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: 26 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 12 July 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 DECISION – TOWN CENTRE STREET NAME SIGNS

To decide if the Town Council should lead on a project to refurbish the town centre street signs.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if Devizes Town Council should seek approval from Wiltshire Council to take on responsibility for street name signs within the town centre to ensure they are in good order.

Recommendation

Councillor East has asked this item can go on the agenda following a request from the Trust for Devizes that town centre signs are smartened up.

The Trust is concerned that visitors to the town are confused and deterred by illegible or badly maintained street signs. Efforts have been made recently to provide maps for visitors, but their value is reduced if street name signs are unreadable.

Street name signs in the town centre conservation areas have deteriorated; some with age and some by careless redecoration or maintenance work on the walls to which they are fixed.

There is a view that Wiltshire Council is not likely to carry out this work but should be approached for a financial contribution.

Badly presented street name signs also create a bad impression of the town. At this time it is unclear how many signs need to be refurbished.

As this would represent a transfer of assets, it could be included within the negotiations over the wider list of assets the town may wish to take on.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it wishes to take on responsibility for maintaining town centre street name signs.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

There is no financial or resource provision for this work. Replacements signs manufactured from 11 gauge aluminium to match existing with 90mm Kindersley raised lettering and black border cost £35.00 each + delivery

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

Taking on the maintenance of these signs without a budget could have a significant impact on the General Reserve.

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. 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