



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: 6 September 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
	Wooldridge		

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – PLANNING TRAINING

Recommendation

To decide if the Council wishes to nominate Councillors to attend a Planning Training Day.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if members are attending a Planning Training Day.

Background

Officers have received notification that the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils are holding a planning training day which is open to members and officers alike (doc 7-1).

The training day is Wednesday 2 November between 10am and 4pm at a cost of £95.00 per delegate. The training will be at Devizes Town Hall.

The purpose of the training is to help understand the basics of planning and ensure that comments on planning applications are taken seriously.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it wishes to send any delegates to the training day at a cost of £95 per delegate.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Currently there is £1200 in the member training budget.

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 – TREE WORKS ALONG THE CANAL TOWPATH

Recommendation

That the committee decided if it wishes to make representation to the Canal and Rivers Trust about the proposed tree works along the towpath between the Cemetery and London Road bridges.

Purpose of the Report

To provide the committee with an opportunity to comments tree works to be undertaken by the Canal & Rivers Trust

Background

Recently the Canal and River have been advertise proposed tree removal works between the Cemetery Bridge and London Road Bridge.

The plan is to remove up to 13 semi-mature, self-seeded trees, see attached images (doc 8/1 – doc 8/2), which are growing between the canal towpath and the canal and also on the offside edge. A representative from the Canal and Rivers trust informed officers that whilst there is currently little problem with the trees as they continue to mature they will start to undermine the bank and the path which ultimately will become a constant draw on the Trust's funding.

The Trust has been informed that one of the trees, a Larch, was specifically planted at its location although they have record of this and therefore have asked for further information.

It is intended to carry out routine tree maintenance along the K&A this winter from Pewsey to Semington in order to retain the navigational width and to prevent damage to boats from overhanging. The trees along the edge of the towpath were highlighted as part of this works package, as the Trust's tree contractors say it would be cost efficient to undertake the work at this time.

Traditionally Canal companies would remove trees between the towpath and the canal as they would impede the use of the canal, particularly in the days of horse drawn barges.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it wishes to comment on the plans.

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.

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.

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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