



# 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: 15 December 2016

Time: Immediately following Full Council

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 29 November 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic on Couch Lane, from its junction with A361 New Park Street to its junction with Rotherstone to enable Wiltshire to provide ducting and electrical connection to new illuminated sign posts and to undertake carriageway resurfacing work. Works will commence on 9 January 2017 and it is anticipated that the closure will be required nightly between the hours of 18:00 and 06:00 for three nights.

**8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - PROPOSED CARE HOME FOR OLDER PEOPLE, ANZAC HOUSE, LONDON RD.**

At its meeting on the 29 November the committee received notification from LNT Care Developments about their proposal to develop the Anza House site on London Road to provide a new care home for older people. Whilst the committee agreed that there was a need for a further care facility of this nature in Devizes it did request further information about the proposal. This has now been received and copy of the letter is attached as doc 8/1.

## 9. REPORT FOR DECISION – PAYPHONES CONSULTATION

### Recommendation

To consider a response to the consultation being undertaken by BT regarding the current programme of public payphone removals.

### Purpose of the Report

To review the proposals in relation to Devizes and consider a response to the consultation.

### Background

At its meeting on the 15 November, the committee was asked its views on five payphones which are in the following locations. The reason they are at risk is because of their very low usage.

Location	Number of calls in last 12 months
Potterne Road, Devizes, SN10 5DB	4
London Road, Devizes SN10 2DS	6
Hillworth Road, Devizes SN10 5HB	12
Mayenne Place, Devizes SN10 1QS	1
Dunkirk Hill, Devizes SN10 2BG	0

At that meeting, the committee did not feel that they could formally respond to the consultation as they felt the information provided was inaccurate. The committee were particularly concerned that the indicated location for the payphone in Potterne Road was incorrect. The committee also felt that it was important to identify where the nearest adjacent phones are to those which have been listed for possible removal.

Officers raised these issues with Wiltshire Council and have been advised that the Potterne Road is incorrectly recorded and should be Devizes Road, Potterne. The records will be amended for this. The nearest payphones not scheduled for removal are the Market Place and the Chequers.

BT have provided some examples of factors that may be relevant (see link to their guidance at bottom of page):

- If there is predominantly privately rented or council housing in the area, this may suggest people on a lower income without access to mobile and fixed telephones and support the view that a public call box should be retained.
- There may be concerns about access to telephone services in areas with particularly low population densities.
- The payphone may be sited in an area of particularly poor mobile phone coverage.

- There may be a higher than average need to access emergency services, including breakdown services due to specific local factors for example, the call box is near a known accident black-spot.

BT offers the opportunity for parish councils and registered charities to adopt a kiosk for just £1, thereby protecting the heritage for the community.

### **Options Considered**

The committee needs to consider whether it wishes to make any representations.

### **Implications & Risks**

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

There are no financial or resource implications with regard to the proposal to remove payphones

#### **Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

#### **Environmental Implications**

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications associated with this decision.

#### **Risk Assessment**

There is a risk that some of the community may be disadvantaged if there is no access to a phone

#### **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.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK