



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 April 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

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 12 April 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 CLOSURE OF SNUFF STREET, DEVIZES

Wiltshire Council have advised that an order to close temporarily to all traffic: Snuff Street, from its junction with The Market Place to its junction with A361 New Park Street to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out trenching across the carriageway to provide ducting and electrical connection to new illuminated sign posts, see order attached (doc 7/1).

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COUCH LANE, DEVIZES

Wiltshire Council have advised that an order to close temporarily to all traffic: Couch Lane, from its junction the A361 New Park Street to its junction with Rotherstone, to enable Wiltshire Council to provide ducting and electrical connection to new illuminated sign posts and to undertake carriageway resurfacing work, see order attached (doc 8/1).

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – FREE EVENT PARKING

Recommendation

That the committee reviews the free event parking now that further information has been provided by Wiltshire Council.

In relation to the provision and allocation of free event parking spaces and decide if the Town Council will become responsible for allocating them in Devizes.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if Devizes Town Council will take over responsibility for the allocation of free parking events spaces in Devizes.

Background

At two previous meetings of this committee Wiltshire Council's proposal that the Town Council becomes responsible for the allocation of free parking spaces for town events has been discussed at length with clarification on the policy being sought.

Whilst there was a view which considered that the principle has merits, the lack of detail around the policy has resulted in the committee deferring the matter until more information is provided.

Issues requiring more information.

- Inclusion of the Market Place – Wiltshire Council advises that whilst no charge is made to park in the Market Place, the parking area is subject to costs. Whilst visitors to Devizes benefit from free parking in this location, it is an “off street” carpark and as such is treated like all other off street car parks in terms of this policy.
- How is the allocation for Devizes calculated – the number of off street car parking spaces are counted and the allocation is twice that number each year

Car Park	Spaces
Central	156
Sainsbury's	104
Northgate	33
Sheep Street	37
Vales Lane	25
West Central	52
Couch Lane	12
Station Road	236
The Wharf	103
Market Place	71
Castle Grounds	14
Total Number of Spaces	843
Allocation	1,686

- The last two years allocation uptake - the usage numbers are those that have been used in support of external organisations such as Devizes Food Festival, not simply give away days. How Devizes manages its allocation in future is up to Devizes Town Council, if it wants to give 50% of its allocation away in one go then it can. This was part of the reason for changing the policy, town councils were giving away their allocations in complete free days and then Wiltshire Council were being asked to support individual events.
- Sundays, evenings and bank holidays. - Sundays, evenings and bank holidays will not be counted against the Town Council's allocation. However if, in the future, it changes then the charging structure on these days may change, it would be expected that Wiltshire Council would consult with the Town Council should this be the case.
- Need to consult – The policy that was circulated included part of Wiltshire Council's internal policy. If Devizes Town Council decides to allocate free parking spaces to be used during an event, it will be the requirement of the event organisers to contact Wiltshire Council with the relevant health and safety information.
- Charging – If an event is semi-commercial, that is to say they are selling stalls, then if the Town Council wishes, it can make a charge for the spaces.
- Can you allocate part days – No, it would be too complex to administer and manage.

All other information is as previously set out in committee reports.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if Devizes Town Council should become responsible for allocating free parking bays in off-street car parks for events in the town.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Based on previous years there should be limited financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision however if the allocation is breached then the Town Council will need to decide if it wish to purchase other free days.

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 implications for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implications 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.

10. REPORT FOR DECISION – DEVIZES BEER FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF PARKING SPACES

Recommendation

In the event that the Committee has agreed to undertake the allocation of parking spaces, as contained in the previous report, to consider the request submitted by the Devizes Beer Festival.

Purpose of the Report

Devizes Beer Festival has submitted a request for the use of parking bays in an off street carpark.

Background

Devizes Beer Festival organised through CAMRA, takes place at the Wharf on the first Saturday in July. It makes use of a marquee which occupies 20 car parking spaces from the Wednesday until the Sunday inclusive. This year the event will run from Wednesday June 29th until Sunday July 3rd – a period of 4 days.

In justification for its request CAMRA asserts that in considering the cost benefit of car parking spaces, Devizes Beer Festival brings in more than it takes out. It is recognised that there is cumulatively a loss of 80 spaces but the income derived by the town from the additional footfall in the town is greater than the loss.

Although the event is primarily a beer festival, entertainment is also provided and, therefore, there is a wider audience beyond the beer drinkers themselves.

Total number of allocated spaces	1,686
Total number allocated to date	0
Number of spaces in this request	80
Balance of allocation	1,606

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it agrees to the request for free parking spaces Devizes Beer Festival.

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.

11. 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