



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: 31 JANUARY 2017

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: **CHEESE HALL**, 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 17 January 2017 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. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – PRESENTATION BY MR STEVEN CORBIN - WAYFINDER

Mr Steven Corbin, Wiltshire Council Transport Planner, will give a presentation on the Wiltshire Wayfinding Strategy and Devizes Sign Placement Study

6. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached (doc 6/1).

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.

7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

Attached (doc 7/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - DEVIZES AIR QUALITY GROUP, THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016 – FROM COUNCILLOR NIGEL CARTER

Present: Steve Corbin (Wiltshire Council), Martin Aldam (Wiltshire), Philippa Morgan (Trust for Devizes), Graeme Morrison (Community Area Manager)

Apologies were received from Anna Cuthbert (Wiltshire Council), Kate Freeman (Kennet Travel).

Funding Summary: A re-cap on funding confirmed that an update of the S106 spread sheet will shortly be made available with up-dated information on improvements to the canal towpath between Couch Lane and Northgate Street.

Meanwhile, costings had now been obtained for the re-alignment of the Bath Road-Dunkirk Hill junction (£630k) and the implementation of signals at the London Road-Windsor Drive roundabout (£347K).

Air Quality: In regard to air quality, recent trends had shown a slight worsening in air quality. However, following a recent failure in certain sensors, a programme was underway to replace the complete outfit (nitrogen oxides and particulates sensors) with new equipment which had excellent service support.

Key Existing Projects:

- Canal towpath improvements are expected to take six weeks. However, with bank reinforcement necessary in certain areas, there is a need to move on a batch of narrow boats which have taken winter moorings on this stretch of bank. With no imminent signs of work commencing, the improvement work may impinge on the Easter Weekend and the timing of the Devizes Westminster Canoe Race. CRT will be asked to factor in provisions for this in their project plan.
- Shanes Castle. With the proposed cost of improvements at this junction, no work is forecast in the near term. Contributions from the Lay Wood development should enable this work in due course.
- Windsor Drive Roundabout. With S106 funds and a contribution from the sustainable transport budget, this is a likely project for the current year.

Philippa Morgan asked whether there was yet an outcome from the bus review but nothing could yet be confirmed.

New Capital Projects

- Martin Aldam was anticipating making a presentation to Devizes Town Council on the Wayfinding Project – timed for the end of January/early February.
- Phase 3 of the canal towpath improvements not yet rostered.

Any Other Business

The 'Beat the Box' walking initiative may be introduced again this summer, with some modifications to process.

A new mobile phone 'app' entitled 'Home Run' is being promoted to local councils to assist parents in planning shared journeys to school. It was being shared out at about £1200 per school and the developer was hoping that local authorities might subsidise or support the scheme.

9. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WINDSOR DRIVE AND LONDON ROAD JUNCTION

At the Area Board meeting on the 23 January, Devizes Air Quality and Transports Strategy Group made a recommendation to proceed with an improvement scheme to the Windsor Drive / London Road Junction, to include lighting controls, in order to improve traffic flow and air quality. The cost, which is estimated at £347,000 will come from Section 106 develop contributions.

When asked about the overall impact the project would have on the town's congestion, it was confirmed to the members of the community present that whilst modelling showed significant improvement at that location at peak flow times, further work would be necessary to town's road network. It was further confirmed that increasing traffic flow at this junction would not impact on adjacent junctions, thus reducing the effectiveness of the proposals furthermore traffic lights along London Road would be phases to ensure the work in harmony rather than against each other. It was confirmed that during the work there would regrettably be some increase traffic congestion. After considering the scheme the Area Board gave its approval.

The Air Quality and Transports Strategy Group also advised that they had looked at a scheme to improve traffic flow around Shanes Castle in Bath Road, however the cost was estimated at in excess of £600,000, which would only provide a moderate improvement to traffic congestion in the area at peak times and therefore it was decided by the group not to recommend the scheme for funding at this time.

10. REPORT FOR DECISION – STREET TRADING CONSENT APPLICATION FOR THE BRITTOX

Recommendation

That the committee considers an application for a Street Trading Consent in the Brittox made to Wiltshire Council and provide its comment on the suitability of the application.

Purpose of the Report

To provide the Town Council with an opportunity to comment on the latest street trading licence application for the Brittox.

Background

Wiltshire Council have received an application in the name of A I J Flowers for the sale of fresh cut flowers and plants (to include seasonal lines) in the Brittox, between Café Nero and number 30. Trading times are Monday to Sunday 09:00 to 17:00 and the stall will consist of 1 Gazebo 9X3 metre, the applicant is willing to take a smaller pitch if this is deemed too large. Plan is attached (doc 10/1).

The Town Council are asked to comment on the application and the criteria for determining it are set out in doc 10/2.

When considering previous applications the committee has expressed concerns about the increased congestion around this end of the Brittox and the safety of pedestrians at busy times. The Council has also expressed concerns about this form of trading on market day and whether it provides an unfair advantage.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide how it wishes to respond to the application on this application for a Street Trading Licence using the criteria for determining applications.

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