



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: 14 February 2017

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 3 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. 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – TOWN CENTRE STREET NAME SIGNS

At its meeting on the 26 July the committee agreed that the Town Council should take on the future responsibility for the maintenance of town centre street names signage. In addition to providing some funding the Trust for Devises agreed to undertake an audit of these signs which has been attached for information (Doc 7/1).

Officers will now put together a programme of work over the next couple of winters to complete the project.

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – REPLACEMENT OF ROTHERSTONE PAVEMENT PLANTERS

Recommendation

The committee is asked to guide officers on how it wishes them to respond to a letter received from Councillor Philip Whitehead which insists that pavement planters removed from Rotherstone by the Town Council are replaced.

Purpose of the Report

To instruct officers if it wishes the Rotherstone Planters to be replaced as advised by Councillor Whitehead.

Background

In October 2016, Wiltshire Council funded the purchase of 3 Pavement Planters to be located in Rotherstone to help tackle concerns that the road is been used as a “Rat Run” by commuters attempting to bypass traffic congestion in New Park Street. The principle was that Wiltshire Council would fund the planters provided the Town Council took on responsibility for their maintenance. With this in place Town Council staff ordered, received and placed the planters in Rotherstone.

It was at this point the complication started as resident complained to the Town Council about the planters being placed in Rotherstone and raised a petition for their removal. On the 18 October the Planning Committee considered the request by residents and agreed that the planters were to be removed from Rotherstone and went on to suggest that other options should be considered.

On the 24 January, officers received a letter from Councillor Whitehead from Wiltshire Council (Doc 8/1) insisting that the planter be replaced and that only Wiltshire Council could authorise their removal. Officers advised Cllr Whitehead that the Planters were removed as a result of a Committee resolution and therefore would require a further committee resolution before officers could take any action.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they wish to agree to replace the planters and if so will still be prepared for the Town Council to maintain them.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision other than that which was agreed around maintenance of the planters.

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

The replacement of the planters could raise a significant number of complaints from residents in the area.

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. REPORT FOR DECISION – PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE
CHURCH WALK**

Recommendation

The committee is request to consider an application for the temporary road closure of Church Walk on Sunday 19 April.

Purpose of the Report

To respond to the consultation for a temporary road closure for Church Walk.

Background

An application has been received for a temporary road closure of Church Walk between Brickley Lane and Nursteed Road, providing access limitations for residents. The Road Closure is for the start and finish of the Devizes half marathon.

Within the application (DOC 9/1), the management of the road closure and alternative routes are set.

Options Considered

The Committee are asked to consider if they have any objections.

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.

10. 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