



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: 17 January 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 DECISION – FREE USE OF CAR PARKING SPACES WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST'S 'COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN'

Recommendation

That the committee considers a request for the free use of off street parking for this year's 'Country Comes to Town' event, organised by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if the Council wishes to support the 'Country Comes To Town' event by allowing parking spaces to be used free of charge.

Background

A request has been received from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to use the Market Place for its annual Country Comes To Town event on the 23 September 2017.

This event will be from the 2017/18 allocation and will require the whole area which officers believes is 71 spaces.

Assuming the allocation is the same as 2016/17, there will be 1686 spaces available for free use.

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Thus far, allocation has been made for the Food & Drink Festival leaving a balance of 1615.

Should this request from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust be agreed, the balance outstanding for future allocation will be 1544 (doc 7/1 refers)

In 2016/17 only 734 spaces were used from the allocation, therefore, there is no significant risk to future requests for usage

The request from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is in line with their traditional activities which have historically granted directly from the parking authority.

The following information has been received from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in respect of its application

I am writing to you from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, an environmental and conservation charity based in Devizes.

For the last 5 years we have held our Country Comes to Town event that takes place in Devizes market square in late September each year. The event has always been incredibly successful and allows us to engage with the local community, provide education on environmental issues as well as providing a fun, free day out for local people and families. At the last event in 2016 we saw thousands of people attend and raised over £2500 for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to help towards continuing our work in preserving Wiltshire's landscapes. We had some fantastic feedback from local people and businesses including a great article in the [Gazette and Herald](#) newspaper.

Country Comes to Town is fast becoming a local favourite and we would like to continue running this anticipated annual event into its sixth year. The one-day event in late September consists of wildlife experiences and activities, food and cooking, childrens' activities and hands on country crafts and demonstrations. Some of our specialist rare breed cows and sheep join us and we also cook our own produced beef and lamb throughout the day and serve tea, sell cakes, and raise much needed funds for the Trust.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it agrees this request for the free use of Off-Street parking bays for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's 'Country Comes To Town' event.

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.

8. 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