



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: 16 January 2018

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Carter

Chairman: Councillor Geddes

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Corbett
	P Evans	S Evans	Gay
	Giraud-Saunders	Godwin	Greenwood
	Hopkins	Johnson	Nash
	Parsons	Rose	Rowland
	Shaw	Stevens	Von Berg
	Wooldridge		

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2 January 2018 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. 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – ST MARY'S CHURCH OPEN MEETING

Recommendation

That the committee formally nominates a Council representative to attend an open meeting to review the future use of the St Mary's Church.

Purpose of the Report

To formally agree a representative to attend the St Mary's Church Open Meeting on the 1 February.

Background

Officers have received notification of an Open Meeting to discuss the future of St Mary's Church, which will be held at St Mary's Church at 7:30pm in the 1st February.

The purpose of the meeting will be to;

- Review what has been done in the last two years
- Review highlights of the Conservation Management Plan
- Provide an overview of the top eight ideas for its future
- Undertake a SWOT analysis of the ideas for its use

Whilst it is an open meeting, having a Town Council representative will provide an opportunity for Town Council to formally engage in the process and for the outcome of that meeting to be reported back.

Options Considered

Whilst it is anticipated that several members may wish to attend, the committee needs to decide if it wishes to formally nominate a councillor as the Council's representative.

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. REPORT FOR DECISION – REDUCTION IN THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG HORTON ROAD

Recommendation

That the committee decides if a reduction in the speed limit along Horton Road is needed.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if the Town Council should support a Bishops Cannings resident who is requesting a reduction in the speed limit in Horton Road on the outskirts of Devizes.

Background

Officers have received a request from a resident of the Horton Road area, asking that the Town Council supports an application to the Community Area Traffic Group to have the speed limit reduced along Horton Road and this lower limit to be extended further east than the current speed limit.

The current speed limit is 50mph which starts very near the housing, so vehicles frequently pass many of the houses area well in excess of 50 mph.

With the recent addition of the Redrow housing estate, in the same 50 mph speed limit section, it is the resident's opinion that this limit is far too fast, especially as many of the homes are for families, therefore it is not uncommon for children to be in the area. The new David Wilson estate on Lay Woods is also now under construction further along the same section of road, with houses facing straight on to the road and again these are likely to be occupied by families with young children.

A mini roundabout has been placed outside the Lay Wood estate, which the resident believes is poorly designed, such that cars leaving Devizes can drive straight through it at high speed, without the drivers having to adjust their steering.

In deciding if the committee wishes to support a reduction in the speed limit, the committee needs to decide if they believe that the road has now become more inclined to be an urban road, which carries a significantly higher risk of an accident when vehicles travel at speed.

The request by the resident is to reduce the current 50 mph speed limit in the area to a maximum of 30 mph and move the start of speed limit at least 300 meters towards Horton Village, so that far fewer vehicles travel at speed past Marlborough Close, Wellington Close and the new David Wilson estate houses which face onto Horton Road.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they wish to support this application.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

As this location is within Bishops Canning Parish, 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 Town 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.

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