



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: 24 July 2018

Time: 7.00pm.

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Geddes

Chairman: Councillor Rose

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Carter
	Corbett	P Evans	S Evans
	Gay	Giraud-Saunders	Godwin
	Greenwood	Hopkins	Johnson
	Nash	Parsons	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 10 July 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 INFORMATION - PARKING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Earlier in the year, Wiltshire Council announced that it was planning to make changes to its parking policy, to ensure that it is able to continue to provide support for rural bus services through subsidies. One of the significant changes is the phasing out of free parking in off street car parks throughout the County.

This change in the County-wide policy, will have a significant impact on the Market Place in Devizes, as the area currently provides free parking spaces on non-market days. Wiltshire Council invited Devizes Town Council to consider and propose alternative solutions which would still enable Wiltshire Council to raise the required revenue. To this end the Town Council has formed a Working Group with representatives of local traders to evaluate different schemes on how the Market Place could be used in the future.

Recently the working party met with two cabinet members Councillors Bridget Wayman and Philip Whitehead to propose a mixed use of the Market Place, providing some parking and some community space. Wiltshire Council has agreed to seriously consider this option.

In providing a community space in the Market Place, the Town Council recognises it will have a responsibility to ensure that it becomes well-used and provides a new incentive for visitors to visit the town centre. It should be noted that the operation of the weekly market will not be affected, whatever the outcome.

The Working Group is also keen to see better usage of Station Road car park as well as making it easier for visitors to spend longer in town through changes to parking restrictions to bring lengthier stays. Again, Wiltshire Council has agreed to review these suggestions.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – ONGOING COMMUNITY AREA TRAFFIC GROUP PROJECTS.

A360 Devizes to Potterne footpath extension (within Roundway ward)

A review of the site has raised concerns with user safety, consequentially, a full independent Road Safety Audit has been commissioned. Negotiations are continuing with the landowner.

The project is at risk if a safe solution cannot be found, therefore Potterne Parish Council are looking at footway alternatives via Drew's Pond wood.

Town Centre Car Park Signage

On hold, awaiting the outcome of the Market Place discussions.

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, VARIOUS ROADS – DEVIZES INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL (DOCA)

DOCA have applied for various road closures for the Devizes International Street Festival for 27 August 2018.

Attached to this agenda is the application form together with indicative plans for the road closures (docs 9/1-9/8).

This committee are asked to consider the application and raise any comments on the proposals together with the reasons for which they are made.

10. REPORT FOR DECISION – PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, WINE STREET – DEVIZES INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL CONCERT, (DOCA)

DOCA have applied for a road closure Wine Street for the Devizes International Street Festival for 1 September 2018.

Attached to this agenda is the application form together with indicative plans for the road closure (docs 10/1-10/6).

This committee are asked to consider the application and raise any comments on the proposals together with the reasons for which they are made

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This committee are asked to consider the application and raise any comments on the proposals together with the reasons for which they are made

12. REPORT FOR DECISION – PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, A360 (PART) MARKET PLACE AND SERVICE ROAD/ST JOHN'S STREET – DEVIZES CARNIVAL CONFETTI BATTLE, (DOCA)

DOCA have applied for a road closure A360 (part) Market Place and Service Road/St John's Street for the Devizes Carnival for 28 August 2018.

Attached to this agenda is the application form together with indicative plans for the road closure (docs 12/1-12/7).

This committee are asked to consider the application and raise any comments on the proposals together with the reasons for which they are made

13. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CONSCIENCE LANE (PART)

Wiltshire Council hereby give notice that an Order has been made to temporarily close to all traffic as per the attached (doc 13/1).

14. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HAMBLETON AVENUE

Wiltshire Council hereby give notice that an Order has been made to temporarily close to all traffic as per the attached (doc 14/1).

15. REPORT FOR DECISION – REQUEST FOR PROHIBITION OF LEFT/RIGHT TURNS INTO AND OUT OF DUNKIRK HILL

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it wishes to ask the Devizes Community Area Traffic Group to consider installing “no left turn” and “no right turn” signage in both directions near Shanes Castle on safety grounds.

Purpose of the Report

To seek Devizes Area Traffic Group support for safety signage at Shanes Castle.

Background

The Devizes Community Area Transport Group (CATG) have asked Devizes Town Council to provide a view on the safety of vehicles turning left into Dunkirk Hill from Bath Road when they are travelling towards the town centre or for vehicles turning right from Dunkirk Hill into Bath Road to leave Devizes via Caen Hill.

Vehicles travelling from Caen Hill on Bath Road are currently able to turn left onto Dunkirk Hill at Shanes Castle as there is no 'No Left Turn' sign at this location. This manoeuvre requires vehicles to traverse both lanes on Dunkirk Hill and frequently cannot make the turn in one move. This is dangerous especially as it is a blind corner and a fast moving road with a pavement on the other side.

Likewise vehicles are permitted to turn right at the top of Dunkirk Hill onto the Bath Road towards the direction of Caen Hill also have to traverse both lanes of traffic and go against the road layout with very poor visibility. As with the traffic making the manoeuvre in the other direction, there is no 'No Right Turn' at this location.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it believes these left/right turn manoeuvres are dangerous, irrespective of the direction of travel, and if it wishes CATG to install "no left turn" and "no right turn" signage to prohibit these manoeuvres in the future.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

It is likely that the Community Area Traffic Group will wish for the Council to make a contribution towards the cost of any signage.

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.

16. REPORT FOR DECISION – PANS LANE RAILWAY BRIDGE

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it believes the narrowness of the road bridge over the former railway line in Pans Lane is a safety concern and therefore should be put forward to the Community Area Traffic Group for a proper assessment

Purpose of the Report

To review the safety of the road bridge over the former railway line in Pans Lane.

Background

Concerns have been raised that the road bridge over the former railway line at Pans Lane is quite narrow at the apex and this can cause issues and on occasions lead to damage of vehicles. The pavement which runs along the south side of the bridge is less frequently used, therefore if this was to be removed, it would provide an opportunity for the road over the bridge to be widened improving safety for drivers. An alternative would be some form of traffic calming system added to slow vehicles as they pass over the bridge.

The Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) believe that there are no structural issues in relation to removing the path, however as a result of widening the road, traffic speed would increase, and therefore there could be a higher risk to pedestrians on the north pavement.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it is believed that there is a safety issue at this local and if so CATG should be asked to seek a solution to manage the traffic.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

It is likely that the Community Area Traffic Group will wish for the Council to make a contribution towards the cost of any signage.

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.

17. 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