



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: 18 September 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 4 September 2014 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Attached (doc 6/1) is a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP - AIR QUALITY

Councillor Carter has provided notes of the meeting held on the 30 August 2018.

The meeting discussed:

1. **Funding** - currently there is £1.3 million of funding available, of which £385,000 has been committed to Windsor Drive and to the Wayfinding Project. A further £11k remains from the latter project allocation and further fingerposts leading to the London Road corridor are being evaluated. The threshold of completed houses has not yet been reached to trigger S106 payments from the Lay Wood development, but approx. £800k is yet to be collected. The latest developments on Hambleton Avenue have generated a further £46K.

Further improvements to the canal towpath will be commenced when the Lay Woods project does deliver funding - £46k is expected from the CRT to match £195k from Wiltshire Council for this work. The start date is scheduled for spring 2019.

2. **Air Quality** - the published result for 2017 has been delayed due to administrative pressures but, across the county, showed a significant flat lining or improvement in air quality. However, in Devizes in the current year, the air quality has deteriorated. Some discussion took place about the possibility of three air quality zones being established in Wiltshire, with consequential impacts on public transport,

heavy goods vehicles and older vehicles with poor emission profits. The possibility of charging for congestion zones was also discussed, but the financial impact on a rural community with relatively low levels of average income made charging untenable.

A discussion on the poor and irregular nature of public transport took place and the group were promised a presentation by Jason Salter, the current Head of the Passenger Transport Unit at County Hall on proposals for improvements.

3. **Windsor Drive** - the extension of the work to complete the installation of traffic lights and the reasons for it were now widely publicised. Nonetheless, the delays have caused a lot of adverse comment, with many people continuing to disagree with the change!

4. **Key Existing Projects:**

i. Shanes Castle - the accrual of funds continues, together with negotiations with the new owners of Cedar Cottage for the potential land take the project requires. Turning restrictions are also being considered.

ii. Towpath - phase four is under consideration with the accrual of the required funding £220K now complete. Start time - spring 2019

iii. Homerun App - the device for encouraging schools in more sustainable ways to assist pupil commuting. The business model has now been updated and it will be free for schools to use. The app itself has been made more user friendly. Costs, to be borne by the local authority, will depend upon the data it wishes to extract.

8. **REPORT FOR DECISION – EXTENSION OF THE DEVIZES EAST 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT**

This item has been placed on the agenda by Councillor P Evans

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it supports a request to the Community Area Traffic Group for an extension of the Devizes East 20 mph speed limit.

Purpose of the Report

To seek support for the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in Church Walk.

Background

The Devizes East 20 MPH area covers most of the roads between Nursteed Road and Brickley Lane with the omission of Church Walk. Councillor Evans has been asked by residents and committee members of the Wyvern Club, if the Devizes East 20 MPH could be extended to include Church Walk. Residents have complained of excessive speeding from vehicles using this side road as a short cut between London Road and Nursteed Road. They are asking if the Town Council would support this project formally, by requesting that the Community Area Traffic Group agree its implementation.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they agree that a 20 mph speed limit is appropriate for Church Walk.

It should be noted that a survey to determine the average speed of traffic may be initially needed. The outcome of this survey will determine the level of support the Community Area Traffic Group are likely to give to the traffic speed limit in the area.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

As with all traffic improvement schemes that are put forward to the Community Area Traffic Group, there will be an expectation that the Town Council will part fund the work.

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.

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – SLOWING OF TRAFFIC IN STATION ROAD

This item has been placed on the agenda by Councillor Carter

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it supports a request to the Community Area Traffic Group to place traffic pillows in Station Road to slow traffic.

Purpose of the Report

To seek support for the introduction of physical speed management devices in Station Road.

Background

There have been two fairly major incidents in Station Road in recent times due to the high speed and lack of attention towards other road users by motorists. Residents suffer from both joy-riders accessing the northern section of the adjacent car park and speeding commuters in both directions at the beginning and end of the day.

One solution would be to request the Community Area Traffic Group to place 'pillows' to slow vehicles down. There is a preference that they are placed outside the entrance to Snails Lane and Carriage Court, where cars travelling north-bound start to accelerate and another by the southern entrance to Station Road car park and extended just to the north. This would provide 'cover' for several entrances to developments, including Great Western Close, Snails Lane and the newer developments of Carriage Court and Westridge.

If this is not an acceptable solution for the Community Area Traffic Group, they should be asked to advise on other solution that have been employed to manage similar problems in other areas.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they agree that physical intervention is needed to slow traffic on Station Road.

It should be noted that a survey to determine the average speed of traffic may be initially needed. The outcome of this survey will determine the level of support the Community Area Traffic Group are likely to give to traffic speed management in the area.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

As with all traffic improvement schemes that are put forward to the Community Area Traffic Group, there will be an expectation that the Town Council will part fund the work.

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

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10. REPORT FOR DECISION – IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN CENTRE SIGNAGE AND ROAD MARKING

This item has been placed on the agenda by Councillor Carter

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it supports a request to the Community Area Traffic Group to improve town centre signage and road marking.

Purpose of the Report

To seek support and programme of improvements to town centre signage and road marking

Background

Snuff Street suffers from a problem of rat-running, some of which is deliberate but in some cases it is unintentional due to the lack of visibility of the 'access only' sign as they approach. The decision to drive along Snuff Street can be made in panic when motorists discover the Market Place is closed and they are unsure where to go. The committee may wish to request that the Community Area Traffic Group require that the instruction on the current sign be repeated by painting it on the road.

There are a number of pedestrian refuges, including the top of Long Street at the Potterne Road junction, the Market Square outside the Corn Exchange and the Gains Lane mini-roundabout by Sainsbury's, which have lost their vertical signs. These signs were either originally illuminated or were simple metal hoops, carrying a 'keep left' message.

If the Community Area Traffic Group does not have the budget to replace them, should the committee be asking that fluorescent paint be used around the edges of these buildouts to make them easily identifiable to approaching traffic, especially at night.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they agree if work is needed to ensure that all the pedestrian refuges are easily identifiable to approaching traffic, especially at night.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

As with all traffic improvement schemes that are put forward to the Community Area Traffic Group, there will be an expectation that the Town Council will part fund the work.

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. REPORT FOR DECISION – NO-ENTRY SIGNAGE AT PENNY BANK END OF THE HIGH STREET.

This item has been placed on the agenda by Councillor Geddes

Recommendation

That the Committee ask the Community Area Traffic Group to review the existing “no entry” signage at the Penny Bank end of the High Street, and consider the installation of more prominent signs or “no entry” markings on the road surface.

Purpose of the Report

To seek improvements in the “no entry” signage at the Penny Bank end of the High Street, with a view to reducing the incidence of drivers attempting to enter against the traffic flow.

Background

The High Street is a one way street, with traffic flow from the end adjoining Wine Street towards the exit at the Penny Bank. The only existing signage to prevent drivers attempting to enter at the Penny Bank end of the street and travel in the wrong direction against the traffic is placed on small plastic bollards on the islands which split the traffic flow at the exit. They are small, badly faded in some cases, at a low level, and are not where most drivers would expect to see a “no entry” prohibition sign. This is evidenced by the regularity with which drivers unfamiliar with the town attempt to enter in the wrong direction.

This problem could be remedied by the installation of more conventional and prominent “no entry” signs and, perhaps “no entry” markings upon the road surface.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they agree that signage needs to be improved at the Penny Bank end of the High Street.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

As with all traffic improvement schemes that are put forward to the Community Area Traffic Group, there will be an expectation that the Town Council will part fund the work.

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

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Crime and Disorder

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12. REPORT FOR DECISION – PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - CHURCH WALK FOR DEVIZES 10 K MARATHON

The Devizes 10km will be taking place on Sunday 30th September 2018, Race start at 10:00am in Jacksons Close. The finish will take place on The Green, adjacent to the Crammer.

Attached to this agenda is the application form together with indicative plans for the road closures (docs 12/1-12/2).

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. 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