



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: 23 August 2016

Time: Immediately following Special Full Council.

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
	Smith	Wooldridge	

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2016 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S WAITING PARKING RESTRICTION REVIEW

Wiltshire Council has written to town and parish councils regarding the demand for requests for parking restrictions. In 2011 a procedure was developed and agreed which required the initial request being managed by the Town and Parish Councils and submitting them on an annual basis to the Network Managers Team. On receipt of the annual submissions, officers would assess each individual request against a scoring matrix in order to determine a priority of order for progression.

Since the introduction of this process, Wiltshire Council have been a number of staff changes in the Network Manager's team and the impact of the voluntary redundancy programme has meant a reduction in the staffing resources and high staff turnover has heavily impacted on the ability of the team to deliver the parking reviews. There is now a considerable backlog of outstanding requests from Town and Parish Councils. In addition to the staff resource issues, the funding available for this type of work has been reduced.

In order to be able manage this backlog Wiltshire Council is proposing to change the way requests are assessed. A Cabinet Report has been approved and sets out the outstanding areas for review, which for Devizes includes Green Lane / Byron Road, Hillworth Road, Queens

Road and Residential Parking in Victoria Road. It also set out the current programme, outlines the proposed way forward and identifies the priority list for the next few years.

The top five Towns and Parish areas agreed for progression this year, are: Corsham, North Parishes, Malmesbury, Warminster and Bradford on Avon. Discussions will then begin with those Town and Parish Councils including site visits, to develop and agree the proposals before they go out for formal public consultation.

Whilst this would infer that the Devizes Schemes will not be considered until 2017, Town Council officers believe that the Queens Road scheme had undergone public consultation and been agreed upon.

A copy of the report is issued alongside this agenda 7/1.

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – BUS SHELTER ON LONDON ROAD

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it wishes to fund the ongoing cost of providing a bus shelter on London Road.

Purpose of the Report

To guide officers on whether the Council should meet an ongoing cost for providing a bus shelter on London Road.

Background

At the end of 2015, following a request from the CATG, the Town Council agreed to fund half the cost of a bus shelter on London Road, adjacent to the pedestrian access to Victoria Road. The balance of funding is to come from an Area Board grant which officers successfully bid for.

Since that time every effort has been made to gain permission to site the shelter at the location agreed; however, the owner of the land, Aster Properties, have been slow in giving their permission. Recently they gave an in principle agreement, which is subject to fees.

- Administration £100
- Drawing up of Licence £185
- Ongoing annual licence £100

Whilst the Town Council has agreed to a one off capital expenditure, officers are extremely concerned that the ongoing revenue charge will become a significant issue as it could be indefinitely.

Before officers commit the Council to this unexpected project cost, the committee needs to decide if it wishes to be bound by this ongoing charge.

As a reminder, the original request came principally for Aster residents in Victoria Road who have limited access to private transport. Since the loss of the previous bus shelter many years ago, bus travellers have no protection from the weather. CATG, whilst agreeing that the request was perfectly reasonable, had no budget for the project therefore asked Devizes Town Council if it could help if other funding could be found. The Town Council agreed as it had a small unused balance of the street furniture budget unspent and the Area Board agreed a capital grant request for the balance. Neither funding party had made any provision for an ongoing cost as it was reasonably assumed that the shelter could be re-sited as it was historical.

As an alternative option, officers are now seeing if a different style of shelter can be purchased and located within the pavement area. If there is one that fits, then it clearly will not give as much protection as the canopy will be smaller and it will have no sides.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it wishes to continue with the project as originally planned by committing to an annual charge of £100 pounds plus one off fees of £285.00.

Or if it wishes officers to pursue an alternative solution and if one is not possible to advise CATG that Devizes Town Council is not willing to meet the additional expenditure.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

There is currently no provision in this year's budget for revenue costs associated with this project. In future years a budget provision can be included.

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 budgeting risk for the project is quite small.

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 – TRAFFIC CALMING IN NURSTEED CLOSE

Recommendation

That the Committee considered a request from a local resident to improve signage or add speed bumps in Nursteed Close.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if signage or speed bumps are needed in Nursteed Close to help drivers realise there are children in the area.

Background

A local resident has registered a concern on the Area Board issues log which requests *“new signs or speed bumps to make drivers aware of children e.g SLOW CHILDREN. There have been some near misses with children and vehicles in the Close”*.

The request goes on to state that there have never been signs in the Close and if signs or speed bumps were added it would make drivers aware of children in the area. The person making the request says they have not discussed the issue with a Councillor but it affect residents’ families.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they support the request for signs or speed bumps in Nursteed Close.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unsure if the CATG will ask for a funding contribution should the Town Council feel they are supportive of this request.

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

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK