



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 NOVEMBER 2014

Time: 7.00pm.

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Mrs Bridewell

Chairman: Councillor Giraud-Saunders

Councillors: Brewer

East

Geddes

Nash

Mrs Rose

Mrs Burton

Evans

Hopkins

Ody

Smith

Carter

Mrs Evans

Johnson

Parker

Wooldridge

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 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. 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Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Attached is notification from Wiltshire Council for the temporary road closures for the Christmas Festival and Lights Switch on event. (doc 7/1).

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Recommendation

That the Committee forms a response to the Devizes Area Board with regard to proposals relating to the provision of Speed Indicator Devices.

Purpose of the Report

To review the information provided by Devizes Area Board with regard to the future of Speed Indicator Devices and agree a response.

Background

Wiltshire Council's Community Area Manager for Devizes, Richard Rogers, is contacting Town and Parish Councils within the Devizes Community Area to consult on proposals regarding Speed Indicator Devices.

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A letter from Cllr John Thomson (Doc 8/1 refers) sets out the position regarding Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) which are flashing lights used by the side of the road to indicate speed of vehicles.

Currently they are used in Wiltshire including in the Devizes area primarily where metro counts have indicated that there is a speeding issue or where special circumstances occur.

The funding for these was withdrawn from the budget for 2014/15. But after this financial year they will no longer be operated unless the Parish and Town Councils wish to pay for them.

The area boards or CATG will not be able to fund from their budgets as this is a revenue expenditure to pay for people to install, repair and remove them and Area Board/CATG funding is only available for capital projects funding

The Town Council is asked to consider its position on the following matters:

- 1) Would the Town Council like to see them continued
- 2) Has the parish used them and were they effective
- 3) Might the Town Council be willing to contribute financially to them being kept?

Deadline for responses is the end of November.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide a response on the issues raised although there is no commitment to funding at this stage.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

There would be an ongoing revenue commitment of approximately £4200 per Area Board area per year, to be divided between the towns and parishes in that area. It is not clear how the cost breakdown would be agreed.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its Power of General Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Should the service be withdrawn, a tool in managing speeds in Wiltshire will be lost. The ramifications of that decision will depend on how effective the Council considers the tool to be.

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 – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ASSESSMENT, A361 BATH ROAD

Recommendation

That the Committee reviews the Pedestrian Crossing Assessment for A361 in Bath Road and decides how it wishes to respond to Wiltshire Council on the proposal.

Purpose of the Report

To provide a comment to Wiltshire Council on the Pedestrian Crossing Assessment for A361 in Bath Road.

Background

A request for improved pedestrian facilities on the A361 Bath Road, Devizes has been received by Wiltshire Council through the Area Board issue system, advising of difficulty crossing the A361 Bath Road. The request highlighted concerns regarding the speed and volume of traffic on the A361 and expressed concerns that residents and members of the public were experiencing difficulty crossing the road at the location of the shop.

Wiltshire Council has now completed an assessment for the option to install a pedestrian crossing in Bath Road, a copy of which has been circulated electronically to all members and is available in paper copy on request. The assessment reviews the relevant traffic data for the area and concludes with a recommendation including associated costs.

The recommendation from Wiltshire Council (doc 9/1 – 9/2) is to install a typical standard Zebra Crossing to the west of Salisbury Street between Tregenna Villas and 3 Westminster Close.

At its meeting on the 4 March 2014 the Planning Committee resolved:

“THAT this committee urge Wiltshire Council to install a safe crossing point on Bath Road. The decision as to the precise position for the crossing should be left to the experts at Wiltshire Council.”

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide what, if any, comments they wish to make on the proposal.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its Power of General 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. REPORT FOR DECISION – CAR PARKING REVIEW

Recommendation

That the committee selects a representative to attend Wiltshire Council's parking review on the 19 November.

Purpose of the Report

To select a representative to attend Wiltshire Council's parking review meeting.

Background

Wiltshire Council is reviewing its car parking service and has completed the assessment of the pre-consultation scoping exercise, which was undertaken in May and June of this year. It has also reviewed the evidence from community workshops held in May. The findings of the pre-consultation exercises have been combined with parking data to form the basis of the next stage of the review.

The review focuses on car parking charges and management, with the potential use of new technologies and the future role of local communities. The review also covers other aspects such as parking standards, first hour free parking and other charging exemptions.

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Wiltshire Council have organised a set of workshops, run through the Community Area Boards and they are keen to hear the views of key stakeholders as well as residents to help us shape the new strategy to allow an open debate on the issues and to capture your comments and input.

The Town Council has been invited to send only one representative, as there is a maximum 15 invites to each meeting.

The workshop is being held on the 19th November 2014 at The Corn Exchange.

The agenda will be:

- 1900hrs - Meet and greet with coffee
- 1915hrs - Welcome and venue arrangements and agenda
- 1920hrs - Car Park Review explanation
- 1940hrs - Workshop (general discussions on town proposals capturing comments – details available through consultation link)
- 2030hrs - Voting on consultation questions
- 2050hrs - Round up and close

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide who they wish to represent the Council at the meeting.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and 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.

11. 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