

PLANNING COMMITTEE
18 DECEMBER 2014

Present: Chairman: Councillor Giraud-Saunders
Mayor: Councillor Mrs Bridewell

Councillors: Mrs Burton Carter East
Evans Mrs Evans Geddes
Hopkins Johnson Nash
Ody Mrs Rose Smith
Wooldridge

Officers: Sarah Todhunter, Town Clerk
Simon Fisher, Deputy Town Clerk

Members of the Public: Nil

454. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 December 2014 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

455. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Parker and Brewer.

456. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Evans declared an interest in minute number 458 and 460 as a member of Wiltshire Council's East Regulatory Planning Committee. Councillor Evans also declared an interest in minute numbers 461 as a member of Wiltshire Council. Councillor Carter also declared an interest in minute numbers 461 as a as the area in question is close to his home. They did not leave

457. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

458. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

14/10983/FUL – No Objection. Councillor Hopkins did ask that planners be asked to ensure that the stated purpose on the application is what the new facility is actually used for as the town is desperately short of this type of facility.

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14/11022/FUL – No Objection. However Members of the committee have received concerns that it is an over development of the site but did not feel qualified to judge one way or the other.

14/11192/TPO – No Objection

459. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

The committee received and noted the report.

460. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – REPRESENTATION BY THE GRIST GROUP REGARDING PLANS FOR THE PARKLAND AT CASTLE FARM

Mr Taylor on behalf of the Gist Group, advised members about the purpose of the application and recognised that in the absence of much detail, which Wiltshire Council has advised them to do, assumptions have been made which were just incorrect. Wiltshire Council has agreed to re-consult on the application which will carry a more informed narrative.

Mr Taylor went on to say that Mr Grist who owns the land wished to provide a legacy by way of preserving the area as a recreational space. Once the issue of access has been resolved, Mr Grist will be consulting with the local community about what facilities should be on the land.

Councillor Carter was concerned as the application was so old, it would have been helpful if a new application were made. He was also concerned that the Biodiversity report only dealt with protected species. In response, Mr Taylor advised that it had been their original intention to seek an amendment to the original application, however Wiltshire Council has advised them that they only needed to request to move the access point. With regard to the report, he advised that it does not deal with the full range of Biodiversity, as they were required to produce a "Protected Species Report", which is what it is.

There was a further discussion around traffic management and it was noted that Wiltshire Council had not made any comment on this.

Councillors Nash, Hopkins and Mrs Evans felt there were merits in the proposal.

461. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION INTO THE WILTSHIRE CORE STRATEGY

The committee received and noted the report.

462. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – APPLICATION FOR TREE WORKS

The committee received and noted the report.

463. REPORT FOR DECISION – STONEHENGE AND AVEBURY WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015

Following a general discussion around the plan, it was recognised that there was no immediate need to respond therefore it was proposed by Councillor Nash and seconded by Councillor Mrs Rose and agreed.

THAT Mr David Dawson, from Devizes Museum be invited to address a “Forward Planning Session” in order that it can make a more informed decision.

464. QUESTION TIME

Councillor East had submitted a question regarding the request the Council has made for double yellow lines in Queens Road.

Officers advised that Wiltshire Council had informed them that a report regarding all double yellow line requests throughout the County was going to Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance, Risk, Procurement and Welfare Reform and Councillor Philip Whitehead Portfolio Holder for Highways Contract to agree which project should be taken forward.

It has been noted that the request has taken a year to be considered but it was due to a lack of Wiltshire Council officers to deal with the issue.

CHAIRMAN