

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stevens

Councillors:	Britten	Brown	Burton
	Gay	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood
	Hoult	Hunter	Nash
	Oliver	Ormerod	Rose
	Wallis	Wooldridge	

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk  
Elanor Oddy, Office Manager

Members of the Public: 7

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor Stevens read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor, and signed the Book of Declaration.

### **19. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Nash proposed Councillor Stevens as Chairman and was seconded by Councillor Roger Giraud-Saunders, and it was AGREED

THAT Councillor Stevens be elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee.

### **20. ELECTION OF DEPUTY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Hoult proposed Councillor Wooldridge as Deputy Chairman and was seconded by Councillor Wallis.

Councillor Ormerod proposed Councillor Greenwood as Deputy Chairman, and was seconded by Councillor Gay.

A vote was held and Councillor Greenwood was elected as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Committee.

### **21. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridewell, Hopkins, East, Geddes, Pennington & Corbett.

**23. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillors Nash and Wallis declared an interest in item 25 as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Regulatory Planning Committee. However, application PL/2021/07203 would not be considered by the Eastern Regulatory Planning Committee due to the size of the development and therefore both Councillor Nash and Wallis were able to comment on this single application.

**24. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present wished to make a comment at the Planning Meeting

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

PL/2021/07203 – After considerable discussion it was proposed by Councillor Nash and seconded by Councillor Houlton and agreed;

THAT whilst Devizes Town Council supported the development of housing on the site at Marshall Road, the revised plans pushed the development towards Sleight Lane which is very rural in nature therefore it is not appropriate for housing to be so close and the Council would therefore expect there to be a larger buffer, with an operation to move the SUD to the location as it is known to flood. In addition, it is felt that the new Master Plan fails to meet the new planning intent through the 'build beautiful' concept and therefore should be looked at again.

PL/2021/01004 – No objection

PL/2022/03134 – There was some considerable discussion about the impact on residents that the 24-hour operation will have, however it was concluded that, given how far the building was set back from the road and the nature of this town centre site, it would not be a noticeable increase. In terms of parking, again given the town centre location, there is plenty of nearby public parking for visitors, therefore it was proposed by Councillor Oliver and seconded by Councillor Hunter and agreed;

THAT the committee supported the application.

PL/2022/03294 – No objection

PL/2022/03469 – After a brief discussion on the difficulty understanding the technical nature of the application it was proposed by Councillor Wooldridge and seconded by Councillor Oliver and agreed

THAT the committee supported the application.

**26. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL’S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED**

The committee received and noted the report.

**27. QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Hunter asked if, as a result of the acknowledgement from South Gloucestershire Council concerning the use of defective road surfacing material which has resulted in significant degradation across 21 sites, would our Unitary Councillors agree to establish if a review by Wiltshire Council is taking place in order to ascertain what material as in use in Wiltshire and remove any repetitive risk.

Furthermore, would Unitary members ask colleagues to review whether contractors have historically used the same defective materials and if that is the proven case, what steps can be taken for contractors to revisit affected roads and ensure that all road re-surfacing works are fit for purpose and deliver best value for money.

Councillor Wooldridge asked if there was any update on planned works to bring water to the Green Lane allotment site. The Town Council was able to confirm that it has just received notification that the Secretary for State for Health had agreed that the works could go ahead and as result an easement would be signed shortly that will allow the long-awaited water pipe to be installed.

**28. FOR DECISION – APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION TO REMOVE CAFÉ “A” BOARDS FROM THE MARKET PLACE SEATING AREAS**

After a full discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Gay and seconded by Councillor Oliver and agreed

THAT having considered the appeal by Time Square, the decision to not allow A boards in the Market Place made by this committee on the 10 May 2022, was the correct one to make and no amendment to the policy would be made.

CHAIRMAN