

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins  
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Corbett	Gay	Geddes
	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood	Hopkins
	Hoult	Hunter	Nash
	Oliver	Ormerod	Pennington
	Rose	Tanner	Wallis
	Wooldridge		

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk  
Elizabeth Brownson, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: Thirty

### **48. MINUTES**

Councillor Wallis raised a question on minute number 9 as it was missing the information that Councillor Greenwood was also nominated as Vice Chairman for the committee, but did not secure sufficient votes. That amendment being made, the minutes of the meeting held on the 23 May 2023, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies from Councillors Gay, Stevens and Rose.

### **50. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST**

Councillors Nash and Wallis declared an interest in minute number 52, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee and did not take part in discussions on plans other than those which relate to their Ward.

Councillor Wallis also declared additional non-pecuniary interests in minute 56, as the adjoining property is owned by a family member, therefore will be speaking and voting on this item and minute 58 as a family member of his family sits on the management committee at Devizes Sports Club, so declared this for openness, but would be voting on this item.

Councillor Corbett declared a pecuniary interest in r planning application PL/2023/00615 and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

**51. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Thirty members of the public.

**52. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

PL/2023/02384 – No objections

PL/2023/03876 - No objections

PL/2023/04044 - No objections.

PL/2023/00615 – After a lengthy discussion with input from councillors and members of the public giving their views on safety, distance from local services and accessibility to Devizes Town it was proposed by Councillor Ormerod seconded by Councillor Hoult and agreed,

THAT Devizes Town Council support the application subject to the expression of concern of safety of the access on to the A361 and request Wiltshire Council satisfies itself that the junction is designed and constructed so it will be safe.

**53. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED**

The committee received and noted the report.

**54. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - DEVIZES WATER QUALITY PROJECT**

The Chairman advised that representatives from Wessex Water at short notice were unable to attend the meeting and that the item would be rescheduled for the meeting to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**55. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – PLANNING APPEAL DECISION, LAND OFF COATE ROAD, DEVIZES SN10 3LU, APPEAL REF: APP/Y3940/W/22/3312268**

After brief discussion it was noted that in the inspector's decision notice had not fully followed the policy paper from the Government which lists a number of points around community housing levels; however, it was noted that the issues raised did not form part of planning policy but contact should be made with Councillor Nash as the local Eastern Area Planning Committee member and Councillor Whitehead as the divisional member for them to discuss the matter with planning officers.

**56. REPORT FOR DECISION – NOTICE OF PLANNING APPEAL LAND WEST OF HILLWORTH ROAD / JOHN RENNIE CLOSE, DEVIZES**

After a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Wallis and Agreed,

THAT the Town Council confirms its original ten objections, which it made in July 2022, and reinforces its concern about only a small peroration of the development being within the current Settlement Framework Boundary and the harm the development will have on the landscape setting, which is not adequately shown in the developer's landscape assessment report.

It was further agreed that Councillor Ormerod would represent Devizes Town Council at the appeal hearing.

**57. REPORT FOR DECISION – INSTALLING SIGNPOSTs TO DEVIZES TWINNED TOWNS**

After a brief discussion regarding potential locations for directional signage to our twin towns , it was proposed by Councillor Bridewell, seconded by Councillor Nash and Agreed.

THAT whilst the committee supported the principle, the project should be included within a wider project to review and develop town centre wayfinding scheme which in time will be agreed by the committee.

**58. REPORT FOR DECISION – LICENCE APPLICATION FOR DEVIZES CRICKET CLUB**

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes and seconded by Councillor Nash and agreed

THAT Devizes Town Council supports the application.

**59. QUESTION TIME**

No questions

CHAIRMAN