

DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
25th May 2021

Present: Chairman: The Mayor, Councillor Gay

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Burton	Corbett	East
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood
	Hopkins	Hunter	Nash
	Oliver	Parsons	Pennington
	Rose	Stevens	Wallis
	Wooldridge		

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: Three

27. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April 2021, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Ormerod.

29. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis both declared an interest in item 31, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present, including Kirsten Robertson of the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald.

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

21/02020/LBC	- No objection
21/02373/LBC	- No objection
PL/202103302	- It was proposed by Councillor Bridewell, seconded by Councillor Giraud- Saunders and AGREED

THAT Whilst it raised no objection, the Committee was disappointed to see so many trees removed, and requests that others are planted to replace them elsewhere.

PL/2021/03312 - No objection
PL/2021/03535 - No objection
PL/2021/04695 - No objection
PL/2021/04998 - No objection

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

The committee received and noted the report.

33. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Wallis asked: *“Following receipt of an Enforcement notice, under the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992 Town & Country Planning Act 1990 being issued in relation to advertising for the Fulltone Festival on the Green I would like to ask whether the remaining advertisements on the Green (The Indies sign and the Lions club event) and on any other council property are also contrary to the above named act despite not being named in the enforcement notice and if the council allows them to remain will we be knowingly breaking the advertising regulations and risking enforcement action against the council?”*

I would also like to ask what steps are being taken to ensure the Fulltone Festival Advert can be restored as soon as possible and to ensure that any future event advertising is possible without breaking the same regulations?

Finally, I would ask whether it would be possible for the Town Council to set a criteria for allowable advertising, compliant with the above named act, to ensure that future decisions to allow advertising are made against a fair and measurable criteria and comply with any legal duties the Town Council has in relation to public advertising?”

Officers acknowledged the custom of promoting local events with banners on The Green, and that generally that was accepted as being of benefit to town events. It was noted that the two banners not removed both relate to imminent events. It was agreed that a report would be added to the next Planning agenda, asking officers to establish clear criteria for the display of promotional banners.

Councillor Wooldridge queried whether the Council Roadshow was going ahead on 29th May, as noted in the Civic Calendar. Members were reminded that, with social distancing measures still essential, it was difficult to arrange such events safely and the Roadshow had been postponed. Further consideration needed to be given to the Council’s approach to such events.

CHAIRMAN