

PLANNING COMMITTEE

4th January 2022

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Corbett

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Burton	East	Gay
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood
	Hoult	Nash	Oliver
	Ormerod	Pennington	Stevens
	Wallis		

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

Members of the Public: Ten

404. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2021, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

405. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hopkins, Mrs Rose, Hunter and Wooldridge.

406. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Nash and Councillor Wallis both declared an interest in item 408, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

407. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were ten members of the public present, including a reporter from the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald. One person wished to address the meeting.

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

PL/2021/40858 - No objection

PL/2021/11206 - It was proposed by Councillor Hoult, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED

THAT the Committee OBJECTED to the application as the significant proposed work would have an adverse effect on the amenity value of this important tree, with insufficient information being provided by the applicant to justify the scale of work.

PL/2021/11428 - It was proposed by Councillor Hoult, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED

THAT the Committee OBJECTED to the application as the crab apple trees have a high public amenity value and are an important feature of the parking area, with insufficient information being provided by the applicant to justify their removal.

PL/2021/11524 - No objection.

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

Officers were asked to establish from Wiltshire Council why the Town Council had not been notified of PL/2021/05477 (Certificate of Lawfulness).

Members were advised that PL/2021/08195 had been passed unanimously by Wiltshire Council’s Eastern Area Planning Committee, and it was suggested that this was a useful indicator of how applications should be considered by the Town Council’s Planning Committee in the future, perhaps from a less ‘black and white’ viewpoint.

409. FOR INFORMATION – SEALED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – KEEPERS ROAD

The report was received and noted.

410. FOR DECISION – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST – JUNCTION OF BYRON ROAD AND GREEN LANE

Councillors had been contacted by another resident concerned about this matter and citing speeding traffic and the obvious danger to pedestrians. It was proposed by Councillor Hoult, seconded by Councillor Nash and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT The request should be referred to CATG, whose Highways engineers would establish the most appropriate solution to the problems in the area of the Byron Road/Green Lane junction.

411. FOR DECISION – DEVIZES PARKING RESTRICTION SUBMISSIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Burton and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this decision would be deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting, when an update on the progress of existing requests will be given by officers; and councillors will nominate new areas to be considered for parking restrictions, to enable a grouped application.

412. FOR DECISION – LIGHTING AND A DANGEROUS WALL

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Greenwood and seconded by Councillor Bridewell

THAT the issues of lighting in parts of Bath Road should be referred to the Community Area Traffic Group to consider.

A vote with 5 in favour, 8 against and 1 abstention meant that the vote was NOT CARRIED.

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Wallis and AGREED with 13 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention

THAT the issues of lighting in parts of Bath Road was a Highways responsibility, not CATG, and therefore the request should be returned to Highways for action, with clarification being sought as to why Highways considered it appropriate to be dealt with in this unconventional way.

413. FOR DECISION – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST, STREET LIGHTING IN ROUNDWAY PARK

It was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Britten and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT an application would be made to CATG for support to install two additional streetlights on the south side of Roundway Park, close to numbers 43 and 49.

414. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Ormerod queried the online consultation by the promoters of the potential Hillworth Road housing development, for which no formal notification had been received.

Officers clarified that this was an informal consultation in which the developer was seeking views from the community prior to making an application. Further, it was necessary for Devizes Town Council not to become involved and pre-form a view at this early stage.

Mr Steve Cole addressed the meeting, concerned at the lack of time allowed for the Hillworth Road consultation; the accuracy of the traffic survey, and querying whether there was a conflict of interest with a Councillor having an interest in the land in question. It was reiterated that this was neither a Town nor Wiltshire Council consultation, and that any survey results presented would need to be fully evidenced. It was confirmed that the Councillor had no direct interest in the land involved.

CHAIRMAN