

PLANNING COMMITTEE
10th May 2022

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Corbett

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

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

Members of the Public: Nil

614. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th April 2022, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

615. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Hopkins.

616. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis both declared an interest in item 618, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.
Councillor Wooldridge declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 618, application PL/2022/02887 and accordingly did not vote.

617. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were eight members of the public present.

618. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL’S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2021/04774A - It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Oliver and AGREED

THAT the Committee objects to the application on the same grounds as previously, namely that the development does not meet the criteria of the Neighbourhood Plan; the location is outside the settlement boundary of Devizes; it would have a highly deleterious effect on this part of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; and the development would be too remote from the town and relevant services.

PL/2022/02887 - Following a long discussion in which the applicant and his agent responded to concerns from members, it was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED

THAT the Committee supports the application in view of the local employment to be generated.

PL/2022/03097 - No objection
PL/2022/03112 - No objection
PL/2022/03116 - No objection
PL/2022/03321 - No objection
PL/2022/03335 - No objection.

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

The committee received and noted the report.

620. FOR DECISION – ENHANCEMENT OF ROAD SIGNAGE IN THE MARKET PLACE

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

THAT the Committee agrees the need for the replacement of the temporary signage by the Market Place pedestrian refuge, and this should be referred to Devizes Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group, for installation by Wiltshire Council.

**621. FOR DECISION – THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (EASTERN WILTSHIRE)
(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2022**

Members raised various concerns about the increased parking charges, and were reminded that these were inflationary increases, with parking charges not having been increased for four years. Furthermore, the Sunday charges had been put in place four years ago but had remained suspended since their approval. Councillor Nash confirmed that he had made representations to the Wiltshire Cabinet member, asking for some standardisation of charges within the Devizes car parks and would pursue this further.

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Houlton and
AGREED

THAT the Committee would request Wiltshire Council to provide some harmonisation of car parking charges with other Wiltshire towns; to remain mindful of the hardships faced by current inflationary pressures on the community; to simplify the charges within the Devizes car parks; and to explain why Sunday charging does not have a minimum charge as do the other days.

622. FOR DECISION – 20 MPH TOWN CENTRE SPEED LIMIT PROJECT

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bridewell and
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee agrees an increased contribution towards the 20mph Town Centre Speed Limit Project to £12,000, in order that the work is prioritised for completion in 2022/23.

623. FOR DECISION – ADVERTISING BOARDS WITHIN THE FENCED SEATING AREA IN THE MARKET PLACE

Members expressed their continued intention that the seating area should be available to all the community as a social space. It was further noted that there is no advertising consent in the Market Place and therefore the proliferation of A boards was inappropriate.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Burton, seconded by Councillor Oliver and
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the advertising boards should be removed and banners displayed on the barriers confirming free unrestricted use of the seating provided by the Town Council.

624. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Hunter requested an update on the decision taken at the previous meeting to seek prioritisation from Wiltshire Highways for road repairs on London Road. Officers confirmed that the request had been sent to Highways, with no response to date, and also to Councillor Mayes, who will pursue the matter directly with Wiltshire Council.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Corbett thanked his fellow Councillors for their support over the past year during his chairmanship of the Planning Committee.

CHAIRMAN