



Devizes Town Council

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following place, date and time.

Date: 25 April 2023

Time: 7pm

Place: Assembly Room, The Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Tel: 01380 723333

Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stevens

Mayor: Councillor Corbett

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

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting, held on 11 April 2023, which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

5. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached here: [\[Doc5/1\]](#)

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so online at Wiltshire Council.

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

Attached here [\[Doc 6/1\]](#) are a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – DEVIZES GATEWAY STATION

Recently Network Rail updated stakeholders, which included the Mayor, with a short presentation on the interim feasibility study and proposals for Devizes Gateway Station. It was clear from the presentation that the wide interest in the project shown by the community has been a big influence in progressing it to the current stage.

Discussions with various groups have given some clarity to where the station needs to be sited, which has resulted it moving a short distance East, with access now to the south side of the tracks rather than the north, as this will help to reduce the traffic impact the station may have on nearby villages. It will also make the access point safer and cheaper to build.

There are two aspects to the delivery of the new train station, one being the construction of a station which needs to include good onward transport links, which promote sustainable and active travel, but equally importantly, there have to be suitable trains that can stop at the station. This is where the Devizes scheme runs into difficulties as a stand-alone

project, as there are concerns that it will not be cost effective to either stop the fast intercity services or simply extend existing local services, and for this reason, it is unlikely the project will happen by itself.

However; as part of the interim feasibility study, what has become very clear is that Wiltshire needs a clear railway strategy and as one delegate puts in, "we have plenty of railway lines in Wiltshire, just the trains don't often stop at them!".

The Devizes Gateway project is still very much alive but will now become a key element of a wider scheme that will possibly see a new services between Reading and Westbury that will stop at Devizes every hour, but what is equally important is this new scheme will start to sort out issues network rail have in the wider Wiltshire service, so whilst the project has not got the green light yet, it has taken another half step closer to reconnecting Devizes to the railway.

To ensure that the wider Devizes community is represented as Network Rail continues to develop the programme Devizes Town Council agreed to fund Catharine Symington from Logic Tree who are local consultants with considerable experience of the railway industry and project management.

8. QUESTION TIME

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk



TOWN CLERK

PLANNING APPLICATIONS WHICH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HAVE EITHER
GRANTED OR REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION

Reference	Details	Applicant	Devizes Town Council Response	Granted or Refused
PL/2022/06750	Certificate of lawfulness for use of garage as C3 residential	Mr Shahid Sycamore Lodge, Roundway Park	Comment made on the need for vigilance in identifying residential uses in unsuitable locations and buildings and not satisfied with evidence of occupation	Withdrawn by applicant 03/04/2023
PL/2023/01791	Proposed are a total of five handmade timber glamping pods along with a storage hut, recycling/waste storage and associated works. A new parking area/turning area is proposed to accommodate 1no parking bay per pod and 2no additional electric vehicle charging bays, landscaping and drainage works	Mr Harris Land South of Drew's Pond House, Drew's Pond Lane	Object	Withdrawn by applicant 03/04/2023
PL/2023/00918	Construction of single storey extension to the rear of the property	Mr & Mrs Earl 33 Chivers Road	No Objection	Granted 04/04/2023
PI/2022/03672	Certificate of lawfulness for the residential use of land and buildings	Delphine Holdings Dunkirk Hill Farm, Dunkirk Hill	Object	Refused 05/04/2023