

PLANNING COMMITTEE

12th September 2023

Present: Chairman: Councillor Corbett
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

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

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Elanor Oddy, Office Manager

Members of the Public: Nine

203. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th August 2023 having been circulated to all members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

204. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

205. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis both declared an interest in item 207, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

206. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nine members of the public were present.

207. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/07020 - No comment
PL/2023/07246 - It was proposed by Councillor Wooldridge,
seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT the committee objects to the application as there is no justification for the plum tree to be felled as it can be pruned.

PL/2023/07355 - It was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT whilst the Committee did not wish to object to the application, they wished to comment that given how the plan shows cabling close to important trees on the site, it is important that the contractor takes great care when undertaking the work and some tree protection should be conditioned as part of any approval.

PL/2023/07356 - No comment
PL/2023/07439 - No objection.

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

The report was received and noted.

209. FOR DECISION – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FOR METRO COUNTERS IN WINDSOR DRIVE

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

THAT the Council supports the use of metro counters in Windsor Drive as requested, and additionally also in the area by Nursteed Primary School.

210. FOR DECISION – REQUEST FOR CYCLE SIGNAGE IN ESTCOURT STREET AND LONDON ROAD

It was considered that this was a problem due to lack of enforcement, not inadequate signage. Councillor Nash proposed, Councillor Greenwood seconded and it was RESOLVED

THAT the Council does not support the placement of no cycling signage in Estcourt Street and London Road.

It was further proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Greenwood, and RESOLVED

THAT officers should contact LHFIG and both the Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable to request better enforcement of existing cycling laws.

211. FOR DECISION – DEPARTMENT FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PLAN-MAKING REFORM CONSULTATION

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED

THAT a small group of Councillors would be tasked with developing the Council's response to the consultation, being Councillors Ormerod, Geddes and Greenwood.

212. FOR DECISION – RESIDENTIAL PARKING SCHEME SIGNAGE IN VICTORIA ROAD

Although a resident of Victoria Road, Councillor Ormerod did not believe there to be a conflict of interest in this matter.

Councillor Wooldridge proposed, was seconded by Councillor Oliver and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee supports a request for improvements to the residential parking signage in Victoria Road to make it clear where the scheme starts, by moving current signs to the entrance of the road and using the existing "No Through Road" post or by adding a further sign posts, if necessary and the Town Council is prepared to make a funding commitment to 100% of the cost, if this will increase the priority for the work.

213. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Geddes had been contacted by Town traders concerned about the Gazette & Herald's inappropriate scaremongering, in falsely reporting that the current water works would cause some businesses to be closed for two years. Officers would write to the Gazette & Herald, including a schedule of Wessex Water's works, asking that the information be corrected.

CHAIRMAN