

PLANNING COMMITTEE

26th September 2023

Present: Chairman: Councillor Corbett
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors: Britten Brown Gay
 Giraud-Saunders Greenwood Hoult
 Hunter Oliver Ormerod
 Pennington Wallis

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

Members of the Public: Three

229. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2023 having been circulated to all members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

230. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridewell, Hopkins, Geddes, East, Nash, Rose, Tanner and Wooldridge.

231. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillor Wallis declared an interest in item 233, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee, confirmed he would comment and vote only on applications in his division.

232. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present, and a Councillor and officer from Wiltshire Council in attendance for the subsequent meeting.

233. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/04623 - It was noted that there had been a previous application for a Certificate of Lawfulness (PL/2022/06750), withdrawn by the applicant. The Planning Committee had expressed concern at that time, considering that the unsigned supporting documents did not prove established use.

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It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT the Council reiterates its earlier comments that the submitted documents do not prove established use or evidence of continuous occupation..

PL/2023/06081 and PL/2023/06236 - It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Gay and AGREED

THAT Devizes Town Council supports the two applications.

PL/2023/07271 - No objection
PL/2023/07430 - No objection
PL2023/07515 - No objection
PL/2023/07594 - No objection.

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

The report was received and noted.

235. FOR DECISION - NO PARKING SIGNS AT HIGH LAWNS

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

THAT the Committee has no objection to the application, which should therefore be forwarded to LHFIFG.

It was further noted that the resident should be advised that due to budgetary pressure it may take some time for the work to be agreed and therefore they may wish to make a contribution towards the cost.

236. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Greenwood queried whether Wessex Water would use tarmac to resurface Sidmouth Street, rather than reinstate the road surface as it was. As the pavers had been stacked onsite, there was no reason for officers to suppose they would not be re-laid, but they had approached Wessex Water for confirmation that it would be returned to its original state.

Councillor Oliver asked whether the canal towpath dog bins should be replaced. Officers explained that the Canals & Rivers Trust had removed all bins because of the high cost of maintenance. The Town Council had however placed bins at the canal entry and exit points and was monitoring these to determine the level of use and their suitability.

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Councillor Oliver queried the emptying of bins in the Bellway section of Quakers Walk. Officers confirmed that this was the responsibility of the developer's management company, not the Town Council.

CHAIRMAN