

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins  
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors:	Bridewell	Brown	Corbett
	East	Geddes	Greenwood
	Hoult	Hunter	Nash
	Oliver	Ormerod	Pennington
	Rose	Tanner	Wallis
	Wooldridge		

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

Members of the Public: Eight

### **250. MINUTES**

It was noted that the resolution had been omitted for minute number 235. The paperwork was to be corrected and returned to the Committee for signature at the next meeting.

### **251. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Britten, Gay and Giraud-Saunders.

### **252. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST**

Councillors Nash and Wallis both declared an interest in item 254, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Regulatory Committee. Councillor Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2023/08106 as a personal friend of the applicant.

### **253. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were eight members of the public present. Once again Mr Rose raised the need for the repainting of arrows in a car park, and was again advised to contact Councillor Wallis in this regard, as a Wiltshire Council Unitary member. He also again raised the issues of the lack of 30mph signs in London Road, which had already been referred to Wiltshire Council; and the lack of parking attendants, another Wiltshire Council matter.

**254. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- PL/2023/02466 - No objection
- PL/2023/07810 - No objection
- PL/2023/07989 - No objection
- PL/2023/07990 - It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED

THAT the Committee requests that the felled tree is replaced with a suitable similar species tree.

- PL/2023/08106 - No objection
- PL/2023/08236 - It was proposed by Councillor Bridewell, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED

THAT the Committee objects to the felling of the horse chestnut tree as suitable grounds for this work have not been given and the tree itself forms part of a group of trees that have important amenity value. The Council does not object to suitable pruning.

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

The report was received and noted.

**256. FOR DECISION – TOWN BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE**

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee accepts the report’s recommendations as set out in the agenda, with the Town Council taking responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the bus shelters.

**257. FOR DECISION – DEVELOPING A VISION FOR DEVIZES AS A SUSTAINABLE TOWN**

Graham Martin of Sustainable Devizes was present and provided further details of the current situation to the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Geddes and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Sustainability group would take the lead under the Town Council umbrella in developing a vision to identify what Devizes might look like as a sustainable town, reporting back to Council.

**258. FOR DECISION – SINGLE USE PLASTIC REDUCTION POLICY**

Councillor Tanner gave a presentation to the Committee about the merits of introducing a single use plastic reduction policy, which was discussed at length. It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Hunter and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Council accepts the proposed policy and, with Councillor Tanner as lead councillor, would work with the Sustainability working party to develop a strategy for delivery.

**259. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT PLAN CONSULTATION**

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

THAT a small group be set up, consisting of Councillors Wallis, Geddes and Ormerod, to consider the consultation and bring the matter back to the Planning Committee prior to the submission of comments.

**260. FOR DECISION – CREATION OF A LOADING BAY IN SOUTHBROOM ROAD**

Councillor Wallis proposed, was seconded by Councillor Hunter and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee supported the request for the parking area in front of Domino's Pizza to be converted to a time-limited loading bay.

**261. QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Bridewell queried whether any progress had been made to deal with the problem of speeding on Dunkirk Hill, and was advised that a request had already been submitted for a metro count in that area.

CHAIRMAN