



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: 21st November 2023

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Tel: 01380 723333

Chairman: Councillor Hopkins

Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Corbett	East	Gay
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood
	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 7th November 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

Officers have received no notification of any new planning applications since the previous meeting.

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Attached here [\[Doc 6/1\]](#) are a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 DECISION – BUS SHELTER REPAIR PROGRAMME

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it wishes to bring forward to the current financial year repairs and the replacement of the town's bus shelters, ahead of any future price rises.

Purpose of the Report

To agree an amended timetable for the repair and the replacement of the town's bus shelters.

Background

At a meeting of this committee on the 10th October, it was agreed that the Town Council take on responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the bus shelters and bring those shelters that are in need of repair into good condition.

Following that decision, officers made contact with Wiltshire Council and it has been agreed that there should be a variation to our existing service delegation arrangements by way of mutual understanding. As such, the same conditions as set out in the service delegation regarding insurance will apply. The agreement will be completed by an exchange of letters, as officers do not want to incur any legal costs.

Within the original report that members considered, there was a breakdown of the repair costs from the manufacturer of £2,777.32, and the replacement costs for a new shelter for the Nursery at £4,133.49, the funding for which the committee agreed to place in the 2024/25 budget. Following discussions with the manufacturer, it is unlikely that they will be able to hold these prices for six months and therefore officers are suggesting that the committee agrees to via funding from a street furniture earmarked reserve, so that the work can be commissioned as soon as the agreement with Wiltshire Council is in place.

The funding for the work will remain within the 2024/25 budget, allowing the earmarked reserve to be replenished for a future Market Place project.

Options Considered

The Committee is asked to agree if it wishes to via funding to bring forward repair works to the town's bus shelters or maintain the current programme timetable, which may see the cost rise.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers have set out the financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – IMPROVED SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE WEST OF MARSHALL ROAD

Recommendation

That the committee supports a request to the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group for better speed limit notification signage west of Marshall Road.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if the committee supports a request for improved speed limit notification signage in Green Lane and Byron Road.

Background

Officers have been contacted by a resident of Byron Road, requesting the town Council supports better road speed signage past the western end of Marshall Road.

At the western end of Mashall Road, Devizes there are two faded signs advising motorists that they are entering a 20mph zone.



However once in the zone, the signage is confusing as there is a road repeater sign as traffic enters Newman Road, but no such road marking on Green Lane or Byron Road, therefore drivers return to a higher speed limit as they are unclear of the road limit.

Other residential areas, such as Brickley Lane have regular repeater information about the speed limit in the form of road markings.



It is requested that a 20mph reminder road marking be added to Green Lane and Byron Road to match the sign in Newman Road as this generally is the busier of the roads and will reinforce the limit to drivers who see a clearly marked speed limit on Newman Road and believe that it does not apply to Green Lane or Byron Road. Green Lane itself is the access road to Green Lane Playing Field which attracts many visitors who are unfamiliar with the area, but is also used by local young people who are visiting either the football facilities or skatepark on foot or bike, where part of the road does not have a pavement.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it supports the request for improved speed limit road marking in Byron Road and Green Lane.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

It would be normal for the Town Council to commit to fund a minimum of 25% of the cost of any highway improvement request.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

9. 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/2023/07594	Proposed garden walls, patio/terrace and steps – at Drews Pond House, Drews Pond Lane	Mr K Harris	No objection, 26/09/2023	Granted, 31/10/2023
PL/2023/02789	Creation of a community farm (inc farmhouse), farm track and rural employment units and assoc works (resubmission of PL/2022/02887) – at North Lower Park Farm, Whistley Road, Potterne	Mr Nigel Grist	Supported, 09/05/2023	Refused, 03/11/2023
PL/2023/08495	Proposed pair of new metal handrails to front entrance steps – at 37 Long Street	Mr & Mrs Thomas	No objection, 24/10/2023	Granted, 10/11/2023