

PLANNING COMMITTEE

21st November 2023.

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Corbett	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders
	Greenwood	Hoult	Nash
	Oliver	Ormerod	Pennington
	Rose	Tanner	Wallis
	Wooldridge		

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: One

322. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November 2023 having been circulated to all members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

323. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors East, Hunter and Gay.

324. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

There were no members' disclosures of interest.

325. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The was one member of the community in attendance.

326. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The committee noted that there were no planning applications submitted for consideration.

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

The report was received and noted. It was explained to the committee the decision on the Community Farm application (PL/2023/02789), whilst supported by this Council was opposed by some local parishes and there was an officer recommendation to refuse it on the grounds of traffic impact and urbanisation of a rural setting. On a vote the Eastern area planning committee refused the application.

328. FOR DECISION - BUS SHELTER REPAIR PROGRAMME

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes and seconded by Councillor Nash and unanimously AGREED

THAT the committee accepts the recommendation and vires funding from the Town Centre Improvement Ear Marked reserve to the project so that it can be completed in the current year, but the budget item to remain in the 2024/25 estimates so that funding can be replaced.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Nash and seconded by Councillor Greenwood and unanimously AGREED

THAT as part of the issue in the report related to maintenance this should be reported in the usual way and the request for road repeaters should be discussed with the traffic engineer in the first instance.

330. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Oliver enquired how long had it been that the lantern parade does not carry Christmas in the title. The Town Clerk explained that funding for the lantern workshops that create the lanterns for the parade are funded from an Arts Council grant and as such the event should not have any religious influences.

Councillor Oliver asked if the Town Council had given permission to the Park Run organisers to use Quakers Walk. The Town Clerk explained that as a Council we had not explicitly given approval as it was a public open space and as such can be used by any member of the community; however, officers had made it clear that as a public open space, the Park Run organisers did not have exclusive use of the area and their event should not impact on other users' enjoyment. It was also noted that having the start and finish line off the main foot path helped with general pedestrian use, but it needed to be recognised that this could have an impact on the ground conditions, therefore it needs to be regularly moved to avoid too much damage.

CHAIRMAN