



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: 30th April 2024

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Council Chamber, 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 16th April 2024, 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

Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached here: [\[Doc5/1\]](#)

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so online at Wiltshire Council.

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Attached here [\[Doc 6/1\]](#) are a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.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 – TRAFFIC ISSUES BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD AND NEW PARK ROAD

Recommendation

To consider a highways improvement request from a resident of Victoria Road for better parking management in the area to improve junction safety with New Park Road.

Purpose of the Report

To consider if the committee wishes to support a highway improvement request from a Victoria Road resident.

Background

Officers have received a highways improvement form from a resident of Victoria Road who is concerned that when vehicles are parked on double yellow lines near the mail box in New Park Road, passing traffic needs to drive onto the wrong side of the road to get into Victoria Road.

Within the form it is explained that traffic coming out of Victoria Road, naturally intent on giving way to the right, can confront a car on their left head-on because that car has been forced onto the wrong side of the road. It is further explained that the problem is exacerbated by a

large hedge in the corner property of Victoria Rd which totally obscures the view of both drivers.

The resident identified that on some occasions a working Post Office van is parked on the yellow lines; however, increasingly courier and delivery vans are causing the obstructions.

The resident is asking that;

1. A Stop sign be located at the end of Victoria Road,
2. A No Parking at any time sign to be located in New Park Road
3. Clearer road markings at the end of Victoria Road and yellow lines in New Park Road,
4. 20 MPH road signs in Victoria Road and New Park Road,
5. The resident is asked to trim their hedge.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it supports the improvement request and if so, that it should be passed on to the LHFIG for further assessment.

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; however, officers would argue that on this occasion the request is simply to correct the poor placement of signing.

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 – DEVIZES TRAFFIC SURVEYS, ADDITIONAL DATA

Recommendation

That the Committee notes that Wiltshire Council has provided the additional information for a number of traffic surveys carried out in the town and advises officers how they wish to use the data.

Purpose of the Report

To agree how the Committee wishes to use additional traffic survey data provided by Wiltshire Council.

Background

At a meeting of this committee on the 19th March, it reviewed summary information from a number of traffic survey metro counts carried out on arterial routes in Devizes during a single week in February 2024. The summary information highlighted that traffic speeds on all but one of these routes were within or about the national speed limit for the classification of the road.

Whilst the committee acknowledged the results were accurate it was concerned that during the survey period there were a significant number of influencing factors that may have impacted on what would normally be the free flowing of traffic, therefore artificially lowering the mean speed.

In concluding the debate, the committee agreed that additional information should be sought from Wiltshire Council to better interrogate the dataset on average speeds, in particular regarding the impact of the extensive traffic works and speed fluctuation over 24 hours. The Committee also believed that despite the survey results, provisions to implement a 30-mph limit on Dunkirk Hill should be investigated, given the dangerous sweep of the road and therefore the Local Highway and Footpath Infrastructure Group should be approached to provide SIDS posts for both Dunkirk Hill and Windsor Drive.

Officers have now received the more detailed data sets of following metro counts;

- A361 Bath Road (nr Mayenne Place)
- A361 Bath Road (nr St Peter's Church)
- Windsor Drive (South)
- A342 Dunkirk Hill
- A361 London Road
- A342 Nursted Road (South)
- A342 Nursted Road (North)
- A360 SouthBroom Road
- A360 Potterne Road

Each of the above survey positions collected significant amounts of data, and therefore this information has been circulated alongside the agenda for practical reasons.

Now that this information has been received, the committee needs to decide how it wishes to use it and what mechanism it wishes to use to determine what the Town Council's next steps are.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide what it will be trying to establish by a more detailed examination of the datasets provided by Wiltshire Council and what range of outcomes it would wish to achieve.

The committee also needs to decide what mechanism it wishes to put in place to review datasets for the nine locations listed in this report and in what format they will want any conclusions to support recommendations it will wish to make.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any 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.

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – QUAKERS WALK ESTATES LINK PATH

Recommendation

That the Committee considers if the Town Council should undertake the construction of the link path between the two Quakers Walk estates, which could possibly be funded from either CIL receipts or reserves.

Purpose of the Report

For the committee to advise officers if they feel that the Town Council should take on the responsibility for the construction of the permanent additional footpath across land adjacent to Quakers Walk.

Background

At the meeting of this committee on the 16th April, a question was raised in relation to the need for a link path between the established Quakers Walk estates and the new Bellway estate. The potential need has arisen after the developer of the Bellway estate constructed a partial path to the boundary of the development which then goes onto grass. The partially completed path has resulted in a number of residents creating a desire line between other existing footpaths.

Roundway Ward councillors have received a number of complaints and representations from residents about this situation, which makes access problematic for buggies / older citizens and many others due to the fact that the desire line is on grass, which has been churned to mud as a result of the wet weather. The question asked on the 16th April was whether the Council would be prepared in principle to endorse the use of CIL receipts or reserves to complete the path at a price including VAT of around £20,000, subject to residents making their wishes clear on this subject and a full plan being submitted.

There are two possible routes for the path and given they are created desire lines it would make sense that we consult first with residents to ensure that if the Council does agree that the project could be funded from the CIL funds, then any path is located where it meets the maximum need.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if it supports the principle that CIL money could be used to fund a link path between the two Quakers Walk estates.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

An outline costing is provided within the report, this will be refined once the need is fully established.

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.

10. 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.



DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Devizes Town Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Members :

DOC5/1

DOC5/1 . PL/2023/07281 Plot Ref :- Type :- LISTED
Applicant Name :- Mr Luke Charles Date Received :- 17/04/2024
Parish :- North Date Returned :-
Location :- 33-36A New Park Street Agent
Devizes
Proposals :- Replacement and redecoration to the existing windows and
commercial shop front door set
Observations :-

DOC5/1 . PL/2024/03117 Plot Ref :- Type :- RESERVED
Applicant Name :- Redcliffe Homes Ltd Date Received :- 17/04/2024
Parish :- Roundway Date Returned :-
Location :- Land North of Quakers Agent
Road
and South of Parkfields
Devizes
Proposals :- Residential development of 4 dwellings together with new vehicular
accesses onto Parkfields and Quakers Road, parking, pedestrian
links, areas of public open space and associated landscaping
(Reserved Matters application pursuant of outline application
21/02477/OUT relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and
scale)
Observations :-

DOC5/1 . PL/2024/03216 Plot Ref :- Type :- HOUSEHOL
Applicant Name :- Mr R & Mr K Parker Date Received :- 12/04/2024
Parish :- North Date Returned :-
Location :- Swiss Cottage Agent
Snail Lane
Devizes
Proposals :- Demolish existing single storey extension and construct new
extension to form new kitchen; amend roof to third floor and install
2 no rooflights; install 28m2 of ground based solar panels; re-
position sectional garage
Observations :-

DOC5/1 . PL/2024/03260 Plot Ref :- Type :- HOUSEHOL
Applicant Name :- Butler Date Received :- 10/04/2024
Parish :- South Date Returned :-
Location :- 2 Southgate Close Agent
Devizes
Proposals :- Single storey rear and side extension with rooflights to main roof
Observations :-

Link to Plan ../[07281](#)

Link to Plan ../[03117](#)

Link to Plan ../[03216](#)

Link to Plan ../[03260](#)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS WHICH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HAVE EITHER
GRANTED OR REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION

Reference	Details	Applicant	Devizes Town Council Response	Granted or Refused
PL/2024/03105	Lawful development for a proposed rear extension – at 25 Queens Road	Tylers	DTC not consulted due to nature of application	Granted, 09/04/2024

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