



Devizes Town Council

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: 25 July 2017

Time: 7.00pm.

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Carter

Chairman: Councillor Geddes

Councillors:	Mrs Bridewell	Mrs Burton	Corbett
	Evans	Mrs Evans	Giraud-Saunders
	Godwin	Greenwood	Hopkins
	Johnson	Nash	Parsons
	Mrs Rose	Rowland	Mrs Shaw
	Stevens	Ms Von Berg	Wooldridge

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 and 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. Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached (doc 5/1).

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

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

Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – AREA TRAFFIC GROUP ISSUES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO DEVIZES.

The following updates have been provided by Councillor Nash, the Town Council's representative on the Community Area Traffic Group

Victoria Road – Residents Parking scheme

Implementation expected within the next 6 months

Rotherstone - 20 mph assessment

Orders expected to be issued to contractor July 2017

Windsor Drive - bus stop hardstanding

Work complete

Windsor Drive – waiting restrictions near Nursted Community School

Work complete

Mill Road - white H bar

Wiltshire Council will advise resident to seek highways permission, and it must be privately funded

New Park St / Wharf Car Park – street lighting

To be considered as part of the Wharf redevelopment

The Air Quality group are looking at the other entrance, and will be made aware of this issue

Caen Hill - Accident Rate

There has been a request to make this single carriageway but this would not solve the problem of accidents at the junctions, and would in a probability increase risk on the single carriageway sections. A major review of this length of road is underway.

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – OUTSTANDING ISSUES FROM THE COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

Recommendation

That the committee decides how it wishes to proceed with a number of outstanding issues currently with the Community Area Transport Group (CATG).

Purpose of the Report

To progress transport issues raised with the Community Area Transport Group.

Background

Town Centre Car Park Signage

In October last year this committee made representation the CATG asking if they could undertake a review of motorist signage to ensure that it clearly directs visitors to the town centre and town centre car parks. Areas of particular concern were;

- Southgate Roundabout, where Town Centre traffic is directed away from the Town Centre
- Junction with Gains Lane and Sidmouth Street, where there is no signage for the West Central car park but there is a proliferation of other confusing signs.
- Signage directing towards the public toilets would be helpful.

In the recent area board papers it is noted that “*CATG discussed the issue, and suggested that DTC needs to consider the issues further and develop a car parking strategy for managing visitors / shoppers ahead of a request for change. Through the CATG.*”

Officers have sought clarification on what is meant by “developing a parking strategy” it was advised that with local knowledge, town councillors were best placed to put forward suggestion on effective signage to the CATG.

Brickley Lane, removal of traffic calming outside Lodge Cottage

A resident has complained that the presence of the reinforced concrete speed bump is having a detrimental effect on their property. Roundway Parish Council has previously considered this issue and requested that to the CATG give the matter consideration.

CATG have estimated cost is c£10,000 and a contribution of around £3,500 would be required from Devizes Town Council. Roundway Parish Council had made no budget provision for this work.

A342 Dunkirk Hill – resident request for reduction from 40 mph to 30 mph

The speed limit on Dunkirk Hill is currently 40mph. A local residents has contacted the CATG asking for it to be reduced to 30mph as he feels the nature of the road with its adjacent residential properties and street lighting should mean that the roads should be classified as an urban road.

The Town Council is being asked to decide if it agrees with this assessment.

Dropped kerb request – to give wheelchair access to the post box

A local resident has contacted the CATG stating that the post box in Thomas Wyatt Road is at the back of the pavement with no adjacent dropped kerb. This makes it very difficult to access.

Wheel chair users find it difficult to access the Clinic in Commercial Road again because there is no dropped kerb adjacent the property.

The Town Council is being asked to decide if it agrees that dropped kerbs are needed in this area.

The next CATG meeting is on the 6 September and they would welcome the Town Council comments by that meeting.

Options Considered

The Town Council needs to decide:

- Town Centre Car Park Signage – The Town Council needs to decide what signage strategy would be appropriate.
- Brickley Lane, removal of traffic calming outside Lodge Cottage – If they agree to fund up to 35% of the cost (£3500)
- 30 mph request Dunkirk Hill – Does the committee agree that 30 mph is an appropriate speed limit for this section of road
- Dropped kerb request- does the Town Council agree the need for these at the proposed locations

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Any request for changes or improvements in high infrastructure is often reliant on parish council financial support which will be between 25% and 30%. In this report there is a request for £3,500 of the Town Council agrees the scheme.

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 – PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MARKET PLACE SERVICE ROAD, WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE ‘COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN EVENT’

Recommendation

That the committee decides to agree, or otherwise, to a temporary road closure on 23rd September for Wiltshire Wildlife’s ‘Country Come to Town Event’.

Background

This is an annual event held by Wiltshire Wildlife, which the Town Council has usually supported.

The application asked for the closure of the service road around the Market Place, from its junction with Snuff Street, to the junction with the A360 Northgate Street. The closure will be on Saturday 23rd September from 10am to 4pm.

A copy of the application and plan are attached doc 9/1.

Options Considered

For this committee to decide whether it agrees to the temporary road closure.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

There is no financial or resource implication for the Town Council.

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

TOWN CLERK