

CALNE TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Development and Planning Committee held on Wednesday 22 June 2016 in the Large Hall of the Town Hall

PRESENT: Councillor T W B Rounds – **Town Mayor**
Councillor A J Trotman – **Deputy Town Mayor**
Councillor Mrs M J Baggs (substituting Councillor Stigwood)
Councillor Ms H E Canfer
Councillor A K Hill
Councillor A Muir
Councillor G P Widger

OFFICERS: Mrs Linda Roberts – Town Clerk
Mrs Clare Harris – PA to the Town Clerk

PUBLIC & PRESS:

There were three members of the public in attendance. One of whom spoke during public participation regarding Agenda item 8 – Speeding on Oxford Road.

25/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors MacNaughton, Redmond and Stigwood. Councillor Stigwood was substituted by Councillor Mrs Baggs.

26/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman declared an interest as Chair of the Northern Area Planning Committee at Wiltshire Council. Councillor Trotman, will take part in the debate and will vote, however he reserves the right to change his opinion in light of new evidence and discussion at future meetings at Wiltshire Council.

Clr Hill declared an interest in planning application 16/04426/FUL – 22 & 23 Ebor Paddock in that he lives in the same street as the applicant, albeit not immediately adjacent. Councillor Hill will still take part in debate and will vote.

27/16 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Development & Planning committee meeting held on Wednesday 1 June 2016, having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

28/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SCHEDULE 3 – 2016/17

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location of Development/ Ward</u>	<u>Description of Development</u>	
1	16/03699/FUL	Mrs Watts	41 York Road CALNE CHILVESTER & ABBERD	Single storey rear extension
<p>Members stated their concerns over the size of the proposal in relation to the size of the plot, the loss of amenity space and overbearing and overlooking issues for neighbouring properties. Members resolved to object to this planning application on the following planning grounds:</p> <p>Wiltshire Core Policy CP57 iii and vii</p>				
2	16/04426/FUL	Mr Ben Sweet	22 & 23 Ebor Paddock CALNE SOUTH	Extension over garage and single storey extension
<p>Members reiterated their original concerns with the previously presented applications, which remain.</p> <p>Members objected to the proposed extension over garages which will in effect create a terrace which is out of keeping with the other properties in this cul-de-sac and if permitted will set a precedent. Members objected on the following planning grounds:</p> <p>Wiltshire Core Strategy CP57 i, iii and vii</p> <p>Members did not object to the single storey extension.</p>				
3	16/04981/FUL	Mr Basanta	Riverside House, Horsebrook CALNE SOUTH	Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension with Wrap Around Porch, Front Porch, Pergola, Climbing Frame and Internal Alterations
<p>Members did not object to this application.</p>				
4	16/05025/FUL	Mr & Mrs Waite	18 The Rise CALNE SOUTH	Proposed first floor extension over garage with 2 storey extension to rear
<p>Members did not object to this application.</p>				

5	16/05301/FUL	Miss Rachael Watkins	5 Back Road CALNE SOUTH	Proposed two storey side extension
Members did not object to this application.				
6	16/05450/TPO	Mr Paul Johnson	1 Bentley Lane CALNE SOUTH	25% reduction to 3 x Yew trees
Members were happy to delegate authority to the Tree Officer at Wiltshire Council				

29/16 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS – LIST 3 – 2016/17

Members noted the planning application decisions.

Member resolved to move Agenda Item 8 forward on agenda for discussion next.

30/16 SPEEDING ON OXFORD ROAD

Members listened to the resident who spoke on this subject during public participation. The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman explained that he has met with residents and witnessed first hand the dangers of speeding in this location, which he feels will only be exacerbated by the development of circa 300 more homes along the length of Oxford Road. The signage denoting the change in the speed limit from 30mph to 50mph is located very close to residential dwellings and as such road users usually change gear and accelerate at this point, creating excessive noise and pollution.

The Town Council do however have an opportunity to negotiate S106 monies to assist with funding traffic calming measures to mitigate the impact these additional dwellings and their cars will have on an already problematic and dangerous road network. In the meantime however, members were in agreement that measures needs to be put in place to improve road safety in this location.

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Baggs and

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to complete a Wiltshire Council issue form, for consideration by the Area Board, requesting an extension to the current 30mph speed limit on Oxford Road, so that the speed limit increase further along Oxford Road, past the existing and proposed residential dwellings.

31/16 STRATEGIC PLAN – TOWN DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING ACTION PLAN

Members discussed the Action Plan in detail.

It was proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to amend and update as the Action Plan as follows:

1. **Increased influence and co-ordination in matters that impact on Calne** – this is not a specific action, it is something officers and Councillors practice as a matter of course. It was agreed to remove this bullet point.
2. **Community Events** – Once the new Heads of Leisure & Events is in post, he will be responsible for community events and as such this bullet will need to be updated in accordance with future aspirations.
The Town Clerk confirmed that when all of the Head of Service posts are filled, she intends to arrange meetings regularly with the committee chairs to discuss the Action Plans and update and amend accordingly. These Action Plans will assist/aid forward planning and budget setting.
3. **Street Cleaning** – This needs to be updated to include the Town Council's recent commitment to purchase a new street vacuum to replace the existing cart.
4. **Continue to reduce the fear of crime for the benefit of Calne's residents, workers, students & visitors** – update comments to state that the Town Council are not entirely satisfied with current level of policing and police presence in the town which is having a direct impact on crime, with statistics indicating crime is increasing. It was agreed that we should invite the Chief Constable to come and talk to the Town Council. Members also requested that Sgt Lungu is invited to revisit the current policing levels in Calne with a plea that improvements are made to the existing, unsatisfactory provision. It is noted that the Area Board paid for 2 x bicycles for the police to use in their policing of the town and these are rarely seen being used.
5. **CCTV System** – update comments to include the Town Council's commitment to upgrade the existing CCTV system. Members were concerned that Calne tax payers subsidise other town's CCTV systems though their Council Tax but Calne receives no funding from Wiltshire Council. We need to lobby Wiltshire Council for parity where subsidies are applied.
6. **Emergency Planning** – Wiltshire Council are working on a countywide plan, the Area Board's are responsible for their own community areas and the Town Council is responsible for its own town. A joined up approach. It was suggested that we ask the officer, who presented at the Area Board recently on this topic, to come and present to this committee. Update comments to state that we are working in liaison with the Calne Area Board.
7. **Increased local influence on planning decisions and development** – This committee is fortunate to have Councillor Trotman, the current Chair of the Northern Area Planning Committee at Wiltshire Council as a member.
8. **Highways Complaints** – The My Wiltshire APP enables smartphones to take a photo of issues and log directly with GPS to WC. Feedback on progress comes directly back. It works well. This is being rolled out and more promotion by WC is due to take place. The Town Council need to help publicise this resource by any means possible; Calne Connection, Website, Social media.
9. **Improved Parking Provision** - Update comments with recent decision by FC to continue to subsidise the 2hrs free car parking in Church Street for a further 6 months, until Dec 2016.

10. **Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan** – minutes of meetings are a regular item on the agendas for this committee.
11. **Our Place Project** – it was suggested that the Our Place project present an update to this committee.

32/16 CCTV UPGRADE

The Chair commended Gerry Mooney on an excellent report.

It was suggested that we increase the figure in the recommendation by approx. 10%, so that the Town Clerk has a little flexibility when making a decision on a suitable contractor.

It was proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds and

***UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, to work with the CCTV manager, to select the preferred contractor and approve the purchase and installation of the necessary equipment at a cost of no more than £33,500.00 from the CCTV Capital Replacement Cost Earmarked Reserves.*

33/16 THE WILTSHIRE PARISH STEWARD SCHEME

The Town Clerk confirmed that Stuart West, Outdoor Services & Facilities Manager attended the recent presentation at Wiltshire Council. It was noted that whilst 18 parish stewards have been allocated across the county, Calne has yet to be allocated one. The Town Clerk confirmed that Stuart West will be the appointed contact for the Town Council. CH to notify Wiltshire Council of this and provide contact details, also requesting the name and details of our Steward, if known.

34/16 CALNE COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Members noted the minutes of the recent meeting. Councillor Hill confirmed that the Steering Group is on track to deliver a draft plan to Wiltshire Council by the Autumn.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.