

**CALNE TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Notes of the meeting of the Town Development and Planning Committee  
held on Wednesday 1 June 2016 in the Large Hall of the Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ms H E Canfer – Calne Chilvester & Abberd  
Councillor A K Hill – Calne South (Chairman)  
Councillor R C MacNaughton – Calne Chilvester & Abberd  
Councillor A Muir – Calne North  
Councillor P M Redmond – Calne Central  
Councillor R J Stigwood – Calne Chilvester & Abberd  
Councillor G P Widger – Calne South

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor H R Marshall  
Councillor Mrs G J Ansell

**OFFICERS:** Mrs Clare Harris – PA to the Town Clerk

**PUBLIC & PRESS:**

There were approximately 40 members of the public present, a large proportion of whom expressed a common interest in planning application 16/04507/FUL – Land South of Castle Walk. Six members of the public spoke against this application during public participation.

**12/16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds; Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, and Councillor Warnett.

**13/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Muir and Widger declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 – Licensing Application for Calne Bike Meet, in that both Councillors are members of the Bike Meet committee.

**14/16 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Town Development & Planning committee meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016, having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**15/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SCHEDULE 2 – 2016/17**

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location of Development/ Ward</u>	<u>Description of Development</u>

1	<a href="#">16/04507/FUL</a>	Greensquare Group Ltd	Land South of Castle Walk CALNE CENTRAL	Erection of 36 x dwellings and associated works
<p>Members listened to the well researched and well presented objections raised during public participation and went on to discuss this application in some depth. Members had a number of concerns over the proposed development which will have a detrimental impact on this historic and sensitive area.</p> <p>Members <b>OBJECTED</b> to this application on the following planning grounds:</p> <p><b>Wiltshire Core Strategy – Core Policy 51; ii, iii, and viii Core Policy 57; i, ii and vii</b></p>				
2	<a href="#">16/03445/FUL</a>	Mr Stuart Ewers	16 Wood Street CALNE CENTRAL/CHILVESTER & ABBERD	Change of use from residential to office use
<p><b>Members requested clarification on the nature of the business being proposed to operate from this residential dwelling, with no vehicular access or car parking, to enable them to make an informed comment.</b></p>				
3	<a href="#">16/04124/FUL</a>	C G Fry & Sons	Land at Silver Street CALNE SOUTH	Residential development of 154 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, engineering works, associated infrastructure and vehicular access from Silver Street
<p>Members listened to the comments and concerns raised during public participation and went on to debate this application in some depth.</p> <p>Members noted that this completely new application is very different from the previous version. The proposed changes relating to the development south of the ridge line will have a detrimental effect on the rest of the development and will be very overbearing. The re-positioning of the children’s play area to the north east corner will become a haven for young people to gather en route to and from school, it will almost certainly become an area that requires policing. Members were also unhappy with the re-configuration of the car parking arrangements whereby communal parking areas have been replaced by garages.</p> <p>Members <b>OBJECTED</b> to this application on the following planning grounds:</p> <p><b>Wiltshire Core Strategy – Core Policy 57; ii, iii and vii</b></p>				
4	<a href="#">16/04463/FUL</a>	Mr & Mrs Johnson	5 Canal Close CALNE CENTRAL	Single and two storey rear extension

Members <b>did not object</b> to this application.				
5	<a href="#">16/04505/TPO</a>	Mr Tim Mann	91 Fynamore Gardens CALNE SOUTH	Reduction of Walnut tree back to previous pruning points
Members were happy to <b>delegate authority</b> to the Tree Officer at Wiltshire Council.				
6	<a href="#">15/04655/FUL</a>	Mrs Tracy Brand	12 Amberley Close CALNE CHILVESTER & ABBERD	Single storey rear extension
Member <b>did not object</b> to this application.				
7	<a href="#">16/04838/TPO</a>	Mr Brian Clements	12 Ebor Gardens CALNE SOUTH	Fell 1 x Cypress tree
Members were happy to <b>delegate authority</b> to the Tree Officer at Wiltshire Council.				
8	<a href="#">16/04927/PNEX</a>	Miss Jemma Bance	16 Corfe Crescent CALNE CHILVESTER & ABBERD	Proposed large home extension (to extend beyond the rear wall by 4.1m with a max height of 3.5m and eaves height of 2.5m)
Members <b>did not object</b> to this application.				

***Members agreed to move Agenda Item 11 forward on the agenda to be discussed next.***

#### **16/16 HERITAGE QUARTER CAR PARK, CHURCH STREET – REVIEW OF TWO HOUR FREE PARKING**

The Chairman invited Nicki Seal of The Real Paint Box, to update the committee on behalf of the business owners in the vicinity of the car park.

Nicki confirmed that she has gathered feedback from the business owners within the Heritage Quarter and from visitors to the area. Nicki's points have been summarised as follows; The overall response is that the free parking trial has been a resounding success. Visitors are rediscovering all that the Heritage Quarter of Calne has to offer and also the businesses within it. This has resulted in a huge increase in the number of people using the car park, with it often being full, as opposed to the prior situation when it was mostly empty, apart from permit holders. The main difficulty highlighted by many however is that it remains the most secret car park in Wiltshire and so spreading the word has been a major contribution towards the initiative over the last 6 months. This word of mouth approach to promoting the car park is now beginning to gain traction and so it would seem a great shame to halt the trial at this juncture while the promotion it is still in its relative infancy. It is hoped that the Town Council understands that maximising the use of this car park has wide reaching benefits – tangible and intangible.

Members thanks Nicki for her update and went on to discuss the options available to them. Whilst members were hoping for more quantitative evidence they did appreciate the anecdotal evidence supplied. It was suggested that CH approaches Wiltshire Council to obtain information relating to usage of the car park during the 6 month trial. CH was also asked to contact Wiltshire Council to repeat our request for improvements to the signage for the car park.

Whilst the Chairman confirmed that he would have preferred feedback in the form of figures relating to increased turnover and footfall to strengthen the case to continue funding, he was happy with the information supplied and suggested that more detailed information would be needed at the end of a full year, if funding was continued. Nicki Seal confirmed that she would be happy to request more detailed feedback relating to turnover etc. from the local shops and businesses if required.

It was proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Redmond and

***UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council on 20 June 2016 that the Town Council continue to fund the 2 hours free car parking in the Heritage Quarter car park for a further 6 months, with the funds to come from the General Reserve , on the proviso that figures are obtained from the business owners at the end of this additional trial period to justify the Town Council's support of this initiative.*

#### **17/16 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS – LIST 2 – 2016/17**

Members noted the planning application decisions.

#### **18/16 STREET NAMING REQUEST FROM HILLS HOMES FOR DEVELOPMENT AT LAND OFF OXFORD ROAD**

The Chairman confirmed that CH has prepared lists of possible options which include; Wildflowers, Birds, Herbs and Trees. Members asked CH to select names from each of the four categories to fulfil the request.

#### **19/16 INFORMATION CENTRE PRODUCTS**

Members thanked Claire Selman for her continued work on this project and for supplying the samples to this committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Muir, seconded by Councillor Redmond and

***RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of high quality Calne products for sale in the Visitor & Community Information Centre at a cost of £521.70 from budget code 308/1105 – Sale of publications.*

#### **20/16 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – PARISH STEWARD SCHEME PRESENTATION ON 7 JUNE 2016**

Members noted the date and details of this meeting.

#### **21/16 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – CHIPPENHAM SITE ALLOCATION DPD BRIEFING SESSION**

Members noted the date and details of this meeting.

#### **22/16 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – LICENSING APPLICATION FOR CALNE BIKE MEET**

Members were happy with the application; CH was asked to contact the Licensing office at Wiltshire Council and inform them that we recommend that this license be granted.

#### **23/16 CAR PARKING ISSUES ON STATION ROAD**

Members discussed the parking issues along Station Road and in particular on the blind bend by the Fire Station. Members noted that there is no cross-hatched yellow box marking outside the Fire Station as is usual practise and asked CH to contact Wiltshire Council to see if this can be addressed. Members are mindful that there are soon to be changes to the car parking arrangements in Sainsbury's lower car park. This will almost certainly have a detrimental impact on parking in streets such as Station Road, as there will be no free long-stay parking in the town centre for those who work here.

#### **24/16 CALNE COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Members noted the minutes.

**The meeting closed at 8pm.**