

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2011 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Bill Braid (Chairman).

Cllrs: Russell Hawker and Mrs Christine Mitchell.

Staff: Keith Harvey, Mrs Diana Mansell.

Also in attendance: Cllr W D Tout

P.3211 PUBLIC FORUM: Cllr Tout – Agenda item 9; parking for motor cycles on the High Street

P.3212 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

- Cllr Mrs Sue Ezra – personal
- Cllr David Jenkins – clash of meetings
- Cllr Francis Morland – clash of meetings
- Cllr Mrs Derry O’Hara – business commitment
- Cllr Charles Pope – personal
- Cllr David Windess - personal

P.3213 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REASONS: Nil.

P.3214 MINUTES: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15th August 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Also the minutes of the interim meeting held on 7th March 2011, omitted from the minutes of 21st March 2011 in error.

P.3215 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil.

a) **Members matter arising:** Nil.

P.3216 REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS: Nil.

P.3217 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: Nil.

P.3218 PLANNING DECISIONS: The Committee noted Planning Decisions made up to 19th September 2011.

P.3219 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The Committee considered Planning Applications received from Wiltshire Council and the decisions reached are as follows:

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11/02253/LBC
10/08/11
Listed Building

Repairs and refurbishment to exterior surfaces and stonework; new french drain; new wooden workshop and repairs to front wall.

Peppercorn Cottage, 25-27 Leigh Road, Westbury, BA13 3QW

Applicant: Mrs S Adlam

No objections.

11/02287/FUL
16/08/11
Full Plan

Proposed new dwelling.

Land South of 25 The Ham, Westbury, BA13.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Tugwell

No comment. This land is in Heywood Parish.

11/02321/FUL
22/08/11
Full Plan

Proposed 2 storey side extension.

44 Newtown, Westbury, BA13 3EF

Applicant: S Lindsay

No objections.

11/02322/FUL
22/08/11
Full Plan

Proposed 2 storey side extension.

42 Newtown, Westbury, BA13 3EF

Applicant: R Pugsley

No objections.

11/02407/FUL
26/08/11
Full Plan

Erection of first floor extension.

70 Bratton Road, Westbury, BA13 3ES

Applicant: S May

No objections.

11/02195/LBC
03/08/11
Listed Building

Internal alterations to provide replacement staircase to loft rooms.

3A Cannon Green, Maristow Street, Westbury, BA13 3DW

Applicant: J Nay

No objections subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.

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NOTICE OF MOTION received from the Car Parks Working Group 12/09/11: Review of Parking Controls – revised proposals.

The following recommendations were adopted:

Alfred Street	-	Support
Church Street/Chantry Lane	-	Support
Edward Street/All Saints Crescent	-	Support

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High Street (Haynes Road end)	-	Support. (Signage to be prominent and clear.)
The Avenue/The Crescent	-	Agreed
Orchard Road/The Butts	-	Double yellow lines both sides throughout Orchard Road with the two cul-de-sacs left alone as proposed. In addition, provision of double yellow lines on The Butts directly opposite the top of Orchard Road.
Warminster Road/Vista Court	-	Support.
Phoenix Rise/Oldfield Road	-	Support.
Leigh Road/Eden Vale Road	-	Support.
School Lane/Westbury Leigh	-	Support.
Westbury Leigh/Mill Lane	-	Support.

The Working Group supported the proposed new double yellow lines to Tower Hill, although noting that this area lies just outside the parish boundary.

Additional recommendations for consideration by Wiltshire Council:

- a) Provision of double yellow lines both sides of Station Road from Oldfield Road Roundabout to the railway bridge (just before the Railway Inn).
- b) To alter the area in the High Street outside Chantry TV to be part loading bay and part motor cycle bay. This will address the lack of provision for motor cycle parking and also a loading bay for numbers 2 and 4 High Street.
(NB: Cllr Hawker declared a personal interest in this item.)

P.3221 HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS: Tower Hill is to be closed 3rd – 5th October to enable the bridge to be examined.

P.3222 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: Replacement of the broken glass in the High Street bus stop is in hand.

P.3223 MONTHLY STATEMENT: Accepted.

P.3224 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) **Car Parks Working Group:** See P.3220
- b) **Flood Relief Working Group:** Nil.
- c) **Leisure Facilities Working Group:** Nil.

d) Play Areas Working Group: Cllr Mitchell presented the following comprehensive report:

Over the last three weeks the working group and Tim Woolford of Wiltshire Council have visited and inspected the following play areas –

Grassacres Park – The Park is kept neat and tidy and is well used. The equipment is in good working order, it was noted that two pieces of equipment seem to be missing and the swings for the older children are in need of re-painting – Tim Woolford is to look into this.

It was noted that there was a small amount of graffiti on the basketball wall and other equipment, this needs to be removed.

There are four large concrete slabs in the middle of the play area that seem to serve no purpose, Sue Ezra suggested installing an additional four slabs so that the children can play games such as hopscotch.

The issue of the toilets was raised as these have been closed for a long period of time and parents with small children using the park would benefit from them being open again. Tim Woolford informed members that he doubted very much that there would be any money in budget for Wiltshire Council to do this.

Penleigh Park Recreation Field and Play Area – It was agreed that equipment was in need of repainting and graffiti needs to be removed from the skate ramps.

The footpath from Hackney Way to Elm Grove is in need of repair as it is quite badly pot-holed and could be dangerous to users of the footpath.

It was agreed that one or two benches need to be installed in the small children's play area as there is no where for parents/grandparents to sit when visiting the play area.

Christine Mitchell pointed out the need for lots more bunding between the park and Elm Grove, this was noted and will be looked into, as noise from the skate ramps have become quite an issue.

Sue Ezra asked Tim Woolford to find out from Wiltshire Council, if we are likely to see the installation of the two five-a-side/junior football pitches that were promised several years ago. Tim Woolford is to look into this.

It was also noted that two signs had been removed from either side of the Elm Grove entrance, Tim Woolford is to see about getting these replaced.

Bridge Court Play Area – This play area is nicely kept, clean and in good repair. It was agreed that nothing needed to be done here.

Chestnut – The park is kept neat and tidy and in good repair. There is a small amount of graffiti on the climbing frame. It was considered a well used, nicely maintained and safe park and not in need of any urgent attention. The park was situated in a nice open space which had further benches and tables for public use.

There were two broken trees which had left stumps in the ground, which could be hazardous and two more trees were dying and unsafe. Tim Woolford is going to

look into getting the two dying trees and the two stumps removed just below ground level and filled in.

Becks Mill – The park is well kept and in good repair with two benches and two bins. There was a variety of equipment including swings for both younger and older children, a climbing frame with a slide, see-saw and rodeo board.

There was a very small amount of graffiti. It was a nice open park and considered not in any need of any urgent attention.

Timor Road – Despite being previously informed that Wiltshire Council had recently adopted this park, Tim advised that it was still in the process of being adopted and at present the developer was still actually responsible for it. Wiltshire Council hopes to have completed the adoption process within a month or two.

There is no litter bin in the park and the developer claims it was not in the original specifications. Once the park is adopted a bin will need to be installed.

The bench was in poor repair with the top wooden panel having chunks missing, this need repairing or replacing.

The equipment consisted of three pieces: see-saw, two swings and a climbing frame with a slide. There is certainly room for another two pieces of equipment. It was suggested a pair of baby swings would be a good addition and possibly a roundabout.

There was a small amount of graffiti on the climbing frame which will need cleaning off.

Kendrick Close – It was noted that the park had the following equipment: a climbing frame with a slide, a baby swing and an older swing and two sit on rockers. There was also a bench and a litter bin.

The overall opinion of the park was that it seemed a bit neglected and the equipment could do with having all the paintwork refreshed.

The safety matting under the climbing frame was covered with moss and needs clearing. There was also moss visible under the swings, which again needs clearing. The grass was very weedy and patchy and needs attending to. The access strip to the park has a block paving path but this was overgrown with grass and was hardly visible, this needs cleaning off.

Kingfisher Drive – The park is aimed at younger children, probably under 7yrs. There was a small slide, a small climbing frame and a sit on rocker see-saw. It was noted that there wasn't any type of swing and it would benefit from the addition of a baby swing. The safety matting had gaps appearing and needs to be assessed regularly. The bench could do with re-staining and other than that the park seemed to be in good repair.

The Mead – There was no Wiltshire Council sign and Tim doesn't think it has been adopted yet, although we had been previously informed it had been newly adopted.

The grass had been recently cut so it is being looked after. The equipment consisted of one baby swing and one bigger swing, two sit on rockers and some stepping stones.

There was also a litter bin and a bench in the park. The bench had a small amount of graffiti.

It was considered in good repair and not in need of any urgent attention. Tim is looking into the ownership of the park.

e) Street Furniture Working Group: The Clerk to arrange an October meeting.

f) Town Centre Viability Working Group: Nil.

P.3225 ITEMS FOR CHAIRMAN TO BRING UP AT FUTURE MEETINGS. Nil.

7.44pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this Seventeenth day of October 2011**

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Chairman

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