

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2012 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr W Braid (Chairman).

Cllrs: Mrs S Ezra, R Hawker, D Jenkins, Mrs C Mitchell, F Morland, Mrs D O'Hara, C Pope and D Windess

Staff: K Harvey, Mrs D Mansell

Also in attendance: Cllr W D C Tout

P.3296 PUBLIC FORUM:

Cllr Tout:

- Has been lobbied regarding agenda item 9 (heavy goods vehicle ban in Bath, Cleveland Bridge.
- Suggested temporary repair of the bus shelter in the High Street.

P.3297 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE: Nil.

P.3298 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REASONS:

- Cllr R Hawker: planning application 12/00183/ADV – personal & prejudicial (Governor at Matravers School);
- Cllr D Jenkins: planning application 12/00210/FUL – personal (Governor at Westbury Leigh Primary School)

P.3299 MINUTES: The Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on the 9th and 16th January 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

P.3300 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

a) Members matter arising: Cllr Morland asked if there had been any progress regarding P.3288 (the footpath at the side of Morrisons and parking bay at the bottom of the steps opposite the Library. Cllr Braid to respond under Chairman's Communications.

P.3301 REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Hawker reported that building work on the new Leigh Park Community Centre is expected to begin in June with completion in December.

Cllr Jenkins reported that the draft Strategic Waste Report has been completed in which three sites around Westbury have been earmarked with one of the reasons being access to the Highway network. This is in total contradiction to the Core Strategy which recognises the traffic issues experienced in Westbury with the A350 running through the centre of town.

Cllr Jenkins also informed that anyone interested in being involved in the development of the Westbury Area Campus can apply online to be a representative on the Shadow Community Operations Board.

Cllr Morland asked Cllr Hawker to confirm how many dwellings are permitted for affordable housing in Westbury as the White Horse News appears to be quoting a much higher figure than the 58 (approx) that are currently being developed.

P.3302 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

- Morrisons: Cllr Braid and The Clerk have both spoken with the Manager of Morrisons but have had no response as yet. They will ask for a reply within two weeks before passing the matter to the Rights of Way Officer at Wiltshire Council.
- Cllr Braid had spoken to Dr Beale about progress at the new health centre and was informed that he could have a conducted tour of the site which he found very informative.
- Car Park petition sheets were collected this morning and there are over 1500 signatures so far.
- The steps opposite the Library: Pat Whyte (Highways) has the matter in hand although no date has been given as yet. The Clerk to chase.

P.3303 PLANNING DECISIONS: The Committee noted Planning Decisions made up to 20th February 2012.

P.3304 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The Committee considered Planning Applications received from Wiltshire Council and the decisions reached are as follows:

12/00075/FUL Single storey extension to replace existing conservatory and
13/01/12 internal alterations.
Full Plan **14 Leigh Close, Westbury, BA13 3SX**
Applicant: E Coleman

No objections.

12/00183/ADV Five proposed signs to the principle entrances to the school.
01/02/12 **Matravers School, Springfield Road, Westbury, BA13 3QH**
Advertisement **Applicant:** Matravers School

No objections.

The Clerk was asked to write to Matravers School noting the council's concerns over lack of clarity regarding access for delivery vehicles.

12/00198/TCA Fell Conifer (T1).
02/02/12 **40 Bratton Road, Westbury, BA13 3EP**
Tree(s) in **Applicant:**
Conservation
Area

No objections subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer.

12/00210/FUL Free standing timber frame shelter.
10/02/12 **Cygnets Pre-School, Westbury Leigh Primary School,**
Full Plan **Sandalwood Road, Westbury.**
Applicant: Cygnets Pre School

No objections.

12/00263/FUL Various works to windows and roof.
14/02/12 **Stable adjoining 10 Church Street, Westbury.**
Full Plan **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Tony Silman

No objections.

12/00264/LBC Various works to windows and roof.
14/02/12 **Stable adjoining 10 Church Street, Westbury.**
Listed Building **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Tony Silman

No objections subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.

P.3305 A36 (BATH, CLEVELAND BRIDGE) HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE BAN AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE A350 AND WESTBURY.

Cllr Jenkins believes that BANES has deferred its decision on this matter. Cllr Hawker understands that the Highway Authority has objected.

Cllr Morland felt that the debate on this subject at the Area Board was the best informed discussion he has heard. He also pointed out that an “experimental order” does not require prior consultation.

The Town Council will continue to monitor this situation.

P.3306 LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND BID – “IMPROVING WILTSHIRE’S RAIL OFFER”. The draft letter to Cllr Tonge was approved and can now be sent.

P.3307 HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS:

- Problems with Street Lights at Queens Road/Phoenix Rise and Elm Grove/Gryphon Close are being dealt with;
- A suggestion has been received that removal of the double yellow lines at the junction of Maristow St/Edward St/ Church Lane would provide two more parking spaces;
- Repair of the High Street bus shelter. The Clerk had contacted Ringway direct regarding the repair and received a quote of £360. He will ask for it to be fitted as soon as possible.
- The Area Board is awarding grants to create new bus stops. The Westbury Weaver routes (58A, B & C) may be changed to provide a twice hourly service to the new Health Centre. A survey of passenger use is currently under way.

P.3308 CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE: For information only, The Clerk has received a copy of a letter sent to the local newspapers regarding a parking fine imposed in Morrisons car park.

P.3309 **MONTHLY STATEMENT:** 4034 Website overspend. Cllr Jenkins asked when the new website would be available and was informed by Cllr Windess that it should be up and running in the next few weeks.

P.3310 **WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) **Car Parks Working Group:** Although over 1500 signatures have already been collected, we must try to keep the momentum going.
- b) **Flood Relief Working Group:** Hasn't met.
- c) **Leisure Facilities Working Group:** The report circulated at the meeting was noted.
- d) **Play Areas Working Group:** The request to Wiltshire Council that the light in the shelter at Penleigh Park be turned off at 7:00pm has not been acknowledged. The Clerk to write again.
- e) **Street Furniture Working Group:** There has been no meeting but The Clerk is to carry out a review of the benches together with Cllr Tout.
- f) **Town Centre Viability Working Group:** A meeting is to be held on Thursday to discuss the Core Strategy. TCVG will report back to next HP&D.

The Clerk showed a short video in connection with the Mary Portas review on High Streets.

P.3311 **ITEMS FOR CHAIRMAN TO BRING UP AT FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Cllr Mitchell: A request to Wiltshire Council to replace the bollard on the footpath between Matravers School and Indigo Gardens with a railing has not yet been actioned. The Clerk to pursue.

8:45pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this Nineteenth day of March 2012**

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Chairman

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