

**WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2012 at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs D O'Hara (Chairman).

Cllrs: M Cuthbert-Murray, Mrs S Ezra, D Jenkins, G King, Mrs C Mitchell, and F Morland.

Staff: K Harvey, Mrs D Mansell and Mrs A McCann

Also in attendance: One member of the public and Cllr W D C Tout.

**P.3343 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** Cllr Mrs D O'Hara.

**P.3344 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.** Cllr R Hawker.

**P.3345 PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mr J Norris – against planning application 12/00726/FUL.

Cllr WDC Tout:

- Suggested that the Flood Relief Working Group be moved to General Purposes committee;
- Objected to the attempt at the Annual Town Council meeting to remove either Cllr Morland or Cllr O'Hara from HP&D committee in their absence.

**P.3346 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

- Cllr W Braid – personal
- Cllr R Hawker – personal
- Cllr D Windess – personal

**P.3347 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REASONS:**

- Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray: planning application 12/00832/FUL – personal (known to applicant);
- Cllr F Morland: planning application 12/00832/FUL – personal (member of Dilton Marsh parish council in which parish the application site lies.)

**P.3348 MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**P.3349 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil.

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

**P.3350 REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS:**  
Cllr Cuthbert-Murray: Wiltshire Council has confirmed that free parking will be available on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Jubilee weekend.

**P.3351 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Cllr O'Hara asked for nominations for three representatives on the Finance committee. Cllrs King, Jenkins and O'Hara were nominated.

**P.3352 PLANNING DECISIONS:** The Committee noted Planning Decisions made up to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

Cllr Morland expressed concern that three plans to which this committee had objected had in fact been approved by the relevant planning officer under delegated powers. In future, if the committee wished its objections to be taken more seriously, it should approach the appropriate unitary councillor and ask for the planning application to be called in.

Cllr Morland also expressed concern regarding permission given for the engineering operations to create earthworks on land SW of Lafarge Social Club. This work has involved a very large number of lorries, carrying inert waste, accessing the site via Bitham Park and the bridleway and exiting on Bratton Road. Wiltshire Council has confirmed that lorries must use the main entrance off A350. Cllr Cuthbert-Murray and Pat Whyte (WC) will continue to monitor the situation.

**P.3353 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** The Committee considered Planning Applications received from Wiltshire Council and the decisions reached are as follows:

**12/00572/FUL** Installation of 1 x additional external condenser unit and new  
29/03/12 external extract.  
Full Plan **32 High Street, Westbury, BA13 3DH**  
**Applicant:** Barclays Bank plc

***No objections.***

**12/00653/FUL** Proposed first floor extension and alterations.  
05/04/12 **4 The Knoll, Westbury, BA13 3UB**  
Full Plan **Applicant:** Mrs T Doel

***No objections.***

**12/00726/FUL** Change of use from garages to dwelling.  
17/04/12 **Land North of 17 Chalford, Westbury.**  
Full Plan **Applicant:** G Dobson

***The committee objected to this application on the following grounds:***

- ***Highway safety issues;***
- ***Visual impact;***
- ***Back land development.***

***(NB: Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray has called in this application.)***

**12/00704/LBC**  
23/04/12  
Listed Building

Rebuild existing chimney to front of property with reduction in height.

**23 Westbury Leigh, Westbury, BA13 3SE**

**Applicant:** N Sherwood & Ms D Sage

***No objections subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.***

**12/00766/FUL**  
24/04/12  
Full Plan

Temporary mobile home for agricultural worker.

**Long River Farm, Newtown, Westbury.**

**Applicant:** Mrs L Awdry

***The committee supports this application subject to the following conditions:***

- ***agricultural use being established and reflected in the occupancy conditions;***
- ***temporary for a period not exceeding three years.***

**12/00832/FUL**  
03.05.12  
Full Plan

Change of use to traveller site comprising 2 static and 2 touring pitches.

**Land between Railway Line and Sand Pit Lane, Dilton Marsh**

**Applicant:** T Cooper

***Refer to Ethandune.***

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**AREA R1D – REMOVAL OF TREES FROM THE COPSE.** There has been no response as yet to our request for information from the Planning department.

Cllr Hawker has spoken with Chris Kirk (WC) who has agreed to meet with members of HP&D on site (with the permission of the developers). He is also prepared to attend an HP&D meeting to show the original set of drawings where the copse is protected and the set of drawings used by the contractor which has resulted in part of the copse being removed. Agreed to invite to the July meeting.

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**PIGS – PATHS IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME – 2012:** Deferred to next HP&D. Re-circulate the information to councillors.

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**HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS:**

- Morrisons have been contacted twice about the footpath but there has been no response. Pat Whyte (WC) will chase the appropriate person;
- The residents at Bozanti, Snappersnipes, have written to Highways regarding a resident in Kendrick Close blocking their rear pedestrian access. To be considered when requesting the next round of parking restrictions;
- For information, the Guide to Bus Services booklet will no longer be produced but separate timetables for each service are available.

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**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

- As from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012, Cllr Mrs Christine Crisp is the new Chair of Wiltshire Council and Cllr Roy While is Vice-Chair;

- Sally Hendry has passed on details of anti-social behaviour in Bramble Drive to Pat Whyte (WC) asking whether it would be possible to put up signs requesting children not to play in the area. She has also informed PCSO Mat Stewart;
- Volunteers are required for the Jubilee Weekend.

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**WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) **Car Parks Working Group:** Cllr Ezra reported that a letter had been received from Wiltshire council thanking us for the Car parking petition. Once income/expenditure figures have been received for the full year, a meeting will be arranged.
- b) **Flood Relief Working Group:** The Clerk to call a meeting.
- c) **Leisure Facilities Working Group:** The Clerk to call a meeting.
- d) **Play Areas Working Group:** Cllr Mitchell reported as follows:

At the last meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012, it was confirmed by Tim Woolford (WC) that the light in the youth shelter has been permanently removed.

To date we have not received a reply to our letter requesting that Penleigh Park Recreation Field should be included in weekly police checks. This is unfortunate as there have been several instances of youths riding motorcycles through and around the playing field.

Tim Woolford informed the group that Wiltshire Council had recently received notification of an accident in the Chestnut play area in Leigh Park where a youngster had tripped on the edge of the play surface, hit a piece of equipment and broken a front tooth. Andy Cole has made an inspection of the play area and the repairs needed should now have been completed.

Following receipt of the letter from Wiltshire Council regarding S106 money, the working group has asked Tim Woolford to look into exactly what the money can be used for eg: new play equipment.

It was agreed that the working group should revisit the play areas in Westbury to view their current status, dates to be agreed at the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2:00pm

- e) **Street Furniture Working Group:** Cllr WDC Tout reported as follows:

**Seating:**

The seat outside the Library has been replaced with one including the Town Coat of Arms.

The seat near the Rifle Range at the top of Newtown has been replaced by a standard seat, as has the seat near the Leigh Road/Laverton Road junction.

The seat at Snappersnipes has had flagstones placed to its rear & sides to stop the earth bank falling down.

The seat at the top of Haynes Road has been replaced with a standard seat and re-dedicated to Mr & Mrs Earle who originally donated the seat to the town. It was also been decided that any seat placed in memorial will be re-dedicated to those persons when replaced.

**Planters:**

The planters on Trowbridge Road, Bratton Road and The Ham will be replaced. Three new planters have been installed on the Gooselands roundabout.

All new seating and planters this year have been engraved "Sponsored by Westbury Town Council Diamond Jubilee 2012. It has been decided that when seating is replaced in future years, it will be inscribed "Sponsored by Westbury Town Council" followed by year of replacement.

**Hanging Baskets:**

Hanging baskets are still waiting to be installed due late planting and adverse weather conditions. ALL flowers planted this year will be red, white and blue, for the spring and autumn plantings in honour of the Diamond Jubilee.

**Roundabout Sign Sponsorship:**

We now have adopted Gooselands roundabout and this is now open for sponsorship.

- f) **Town Centre Viability Working Group:** The Clerk to call a meeting.

**P.3359 ITEMS FOR CHAIRMAN TO BRING UP AT FUTURE MEETINGS.** Nil.

It was agreed that this item should be removed from future agendas.

**8:45pm**

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
this Eighteenth day of June 2012**

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**Chairman**

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