

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2013 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs D O'Hara (Chairman)

Cllrs: M Cuthbert-Murray, Mrs S Ezra, R Hawker, D Jenkins, G King, Mrs C Mitchell and D Windess

Staff: Mr K Harvey and Mrs A McCann

Also in Attendance: Cllrs: S Miles and WD Tout

P.3489 PUBLIC FORUM:

- **Cllr S Miles** – Planning Application 13/ 00074/FUL. Ask Westbury Town Council to consider objecting to this planning application on the grounds of serious access problems and overdevelopment.
- **Cllr WD Tout** – Sewer from Leigh Park erupting in Oldfield Park

P.3490 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

- Cllr F Morland – Clash of Meetings

P.3491 DISPENSATIONS: None

P.3492 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REASONS: None

P.3493 MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 21st January were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

P.3494 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Cllr R Hawker advised that in the absence of Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray he called-in planning application: 12/02323/OUT – Land at Fairdown Avenue.

a) Members matter arising: Nil.

P.3495 REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Jenkins: The combined event run by Wiltshire Council and Westbury Town Council on Saturday morning to raise awareness about the dog fouling campaign was well attended.

P.3496 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS: Nil.

P.3497 PLANNING DECISIONS: The Committee noted Planning Decisions made up to 18th February 2013.

P.3498 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** The Committee considered Planning Applications received from Wiltshire Council and the decisions reached are as follows:

12/02225/ADV
04/12/12
Advertisement

1 x internally illuminated free standing, double faced, double post mounted sign, 1 x internally illuminated hanging sign and 1 x vinyl window sign
60 – 62 Warminster Road, Westbury
Applicant: Aldi Stores Limited

No Objections

13/00074/FUL
16/01/13
Full Plan

Proposed development of three detached house on sites at Saxon Close, Westbury
Land rear of Fire Station, Meadow Lane, Westbury
Applicant: Raglan Housing

The Committee objected to this application on the following grounds:

- 1. Unacceptable housing density**
- 2. Potential parking problems including street parking**
- 3. Inadequate provision for fencing around the boundaries and potential blocked access for residents**

13/00173/FUL
01/02/13
Full Plan

Change of use, conversion of accountants office (B1) to 4 flats
Land at 11 and 11A Edwards Street, Westbury
Applicant: Mr P Morris

No Objections

13/00153/ADV
30/01/13
Advertisement

2 x internally illuminated hanging signs, 1 x internally illuminated built up letter sign, 1 x internally illuminated ATM header, 5 x internally illuminated window light strips and non illuminated nameplate, letterbox sign and window vinyl.
45 Edward Street, Westbury, BA13 3BJ
Applicant: Lloyd's Banking Group

No Objections

13/00237/TPO
05/02/13
Tree(s) in
Preservation Order

Remove epicormic growth and sever ivy from base of Willow Trees x 2 (01_03), crown reduce Willow Tree (02) by 6m, reduce all extended lower laterals by 5m and remove epicormic growth from base and sever ivy.
Land south of Biss Brook Tributary and footpath, Westbury Leigh, Westbury
Applicant: Persimmon Homes

No Objections

13/00242/TPO
05/02/13
Tree(s) in
Preservation Order

Remove east limb of Cedar Tree and crown lift to allow 2m clearance
Land north of 31 Mustang Close, Westbury
Applicant: Persimmon Homes Wessex

No Objections subject to a special request that when the Arboricultural Officer goes on site the local Wiltshire Councillor can attend at the same time or a representative from Westbury Town Council.

P.3499 HIGH STREET PARKING ISSUES: Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray reported that cars are still parking on the piece of land to the side of McColl's newsagents. He is concerned that it is a danger to pedestrians walking along there. He had a meeting two weeks ago with Ian Brown to see what could be done about it. Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray would like to see the planters moved, but these are not owned by Westbury Town Council so we would need to obtain permission to move them. Firstly we need to find out who actually owns the piece of land in question. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Ian Brown and ask him to liaise with John Price for clarification on who actually owns the piece of land.

P.3500 STREET FURNITURE WORKING GROUP – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2013

- **Seats**
- **Dog Waste Bins / Litter Bins**

All were in favour of the recommendations

P.3501 HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS:

- **Mane Way** – The Clerk showed a map advising where the crossing will be positioned. The work is due to commence on 13th March.
- **Potential closure of A350** – Work commences on 18th February for Scottish & Southern Energy to improve the electric supply from Trowbridge Road near the Co-op to Phoenix Rise.
- **Maristow Street** – Work commences here on 18th March by Wales and West Gas Utilities, who are replacing the gas main and services.

P.3502 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: None

P.3503 MONTHLY STATEMENT: Noted

P.3504 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) **Emergency Planning Working Group:** The group met this morning with Pat Whyte and Danny Everett and looked at sensitive areas of the town. There are two places where further investigations are required. A regular flow of water can be heard around the Bitham Park area but the group couldn't identify where it is going to or from, so Wiltshire Council will carry out a dye test in due course.

b) Play and Leisure Facilities Working Group: Cllr Mitchell gave the following report:

At the last meeting held on 24th January 2013, the working group discussed the S106 monies that have been allocated for the play areas in The Mead, Kingfisher Drive and Timor Road and agreed that the following equipment would benefit these areas if the allocated money allows –

An embankment slide – The Mead.

A stainless steel double baby swing – Kingfisher Drive

An inclusive orbit roundabout and a stainless steel double baby swing – Timor Road.

The companies “Playdale” and “Wickstead” have since visited these play areas to measure up and will send in their quotes in due course.

The Caloo fitness equipment is due to be installed in Grassacres Park on Monday 25th Feb.

The date of the next meeting is TBC.

c) Street Furniture Working Group: Cllr WD Tout reported as follows:

The recommendations were dealt with under agenda item 11. The recommendations are within the budget. He advised that it would be best to replace all the rungs on the seat at the top of Leigh Close and not just the top rung as originally suggested.

With regards to putting a seat in Orchard Close Cllr WD Tout reported that he thought the footpaths may be too narrow and a seat placed here would restrict the footpath. Wiltshire Council are to advise.

d) Town Centre Viability Working Group: Cllr Hawker gave the following report: Three keys issues to report on:

- Pop to the Shops leaflet – This is being updated and is due to be circulated in March or April.
- Reviewing Town Vision and Scoping Study – several next steps have been identified. The Clerk will liaise with Wiltshire Council to see if they think it is worth considering the value of a neighbourhood plan.
- Need to look at sources of funding other than Wiltshire Council to carry out projects on the rotunda and/or Maristow Street. TCVG will liaise with John Parker to determine options going forward.

8.17pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
This Eighteenth day of March 2013**

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Chairman