

**WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Hawker (Chairman)

Cllrs: I Cunningham, D Jenkins, Mrs C Mitchell, F Morland, WD Tout, P Wakeman and D Windess.

Staff: Mr K Harvey and Mrs A McCann

Also in attendance: John Hall from AMEC and Cllrs Mrs S Ezra and I Taylor.

**P.3540 PUBLIC FORUM:** Nil

**P.3541 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Cllr R Hawker

**P.3542 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Cllr F Morland

**P.3543 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

- Cllr G King - Unwell

**P.3544 DISPENSATIONS:** None

**P.3545 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REASONS:** None

**P.3546 MINUTES:** The minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 15th April and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**P.3547 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil

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

**P.3548 AMEC PRESENTATION:** Proposed development north of The Mead, Westbury.

***Standing Orders were suspended for the presentation***

John Hall explained that he works for AMEC and he was here on behalf of his client Robert Hitchings, who owns the land in question. They are proposing to submit a planning application in August/September 2013 of an outline plan to build up to 220 homes on the land north of The Mead, of which up to 66 will be affordable homes. They will be 44% more energy efficient, built to building code level 4. They will be holding a public consultation before the schools break up for

the summer holidays, which will likely to be a two day event.  
A brief question and answer session was held for the Councillors.

***Standing Orders were re-instated***

**P.3549 REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS:**

- Cllr D Jenkins - At tomorrow's cabinet meeting Wiltshire Council have on their agenda 'Local Transport Schemes'. The list of 70 candidate schemes have been subjected to a sifting process and the shortlist of potential major transport schemes that are recommended for prioritisation by the SWLTB is as follows:

1. A350 Chippenham Bypass Dualling
2. A350 North of Chippenham Dualling
3. A350 West Ashton Relief Road
4. A350 Yarnbrook Relief Road
5. A36 Southampton Road Improvement
6. Corsham Station
7. M4 Junction 16 Improvements
8. Royal Wootton Bassett Station
9. Westbury Additional Platform
10. Wilton Station

The list is a recommendation and has not been approved. As you can see Westbury Bypass is not included in the shortlist.

- Cllr R Hawker – Further to what Cllr Jenkins has reported, this is a financing plan for road improvements up to 2019. It is a 3-4year plan starting in 2015.

**P.3550 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Nil.

**P.3551 PLANNING DECISIONS:** The Committee noted Planning Decisions made up to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

**P.3552 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** The Committee considered Planning Applications received from Wiltshire Council and the decisions reached are as follows:

**13/00752/FUL**  
22.04.2013  
Full Plan

Rear ground floor extension and enabling works side entrance lobby; re-roofing of existing dwelling.

**St Judes, 11 Haynes Road, Westbury, BA13 3HA**

**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs S Loveridge

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**13/00519/FUL** Proposed two storey side extension  
22.03.13 **39 Phipps Close, Westbury, BA13 3TL**  
Full Plan **Applicant: Mr Wesley Ford**

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**P.3553 FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

The following three Councillors were appointed to the Finance Committee:  
Cllr David Jenkins  
Cllr Philip Wakeman  
Cllr Francis Morland

**P.3554 HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS:**

Balfour Beatty has been awarded the contract for Highways, Street Lighting and Grounds Maintenance from 01/06/13. Highways and Street Lighting were previously the responsibility of Ringway and the Grounds Maintenance The Landscape Group. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will be attending a workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> May at County Hall discussing Local Highways and Streetscene.

**P.3555 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Notification of a planning appeal has been received from Wiltshire Council regarding planning application number: 12/02323/OUT – Land at Fairdown Avenue – Erection of up to 20 dwellings. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to write to the Planning Inspectorate to confirm the reasons for refusal asking them to take them into account.
- An application for Street Naming has been received regarding the new build on the land rear of Church Street. The proposed name from the developers is 'King Alfred Court'. To be added to the next HP&D agenda for the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June for discussion.

**P.3556 MONTHLY STATEMENT:** None

**P.3557 BUDGET BIDS:** None

**P.3558 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Emergency Planning Working Group:** Cllr Cunningham reported that no meeting has been held but the organiser of the recent emergency exercise has asked if he can attend a future meeting, maybe in July, to talk to the Council about the need for an emergency plan and what the input is from Wiltshire Council.
- Play and Leisure Facilities Working Group:** Cllr Mrs Christine Mitchell reported that the last meeting held was with Colin Kennerson from Wiltshire Council to discuss the spending of the S106 monies. We have since received approval from Wiltshire Council to spend the S106 monies on the equipment

chosen for Kingfisher, The Mead and Timor Road play areas. The order has been placed with Wicksteed.

Whilst discussing S106 monies with Colin Kennerson it came to light that there were also three other amounts totalling £36,591.09 of which £28,247.36 is to be used in Leigh Park and £8,343.73 is to be used within the administration of the council. It is to be used to buy new equipment only and not to be used on repairs. The play area working group will be arranging a meeting to discuss this further.

**c) Street Furniture Working Group:** No meeting held.

**d) Town Centre Viability Working Group:** Cllr Hawker reported that no meeting had been held but there is an ongoing project to refresh the town maps and pop to the shops leaflet. He would also like to propose a name change for the group which is to be put on the next working group agenda. He proposed the name to be changed to Town Viability Working Group so it is not focussed just on the centre.

**9.02pm**

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
this seventeenth of June 2013**

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**Chairman**