

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2015 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr: I Cunningham (Chairman)
Cllrs: S Andrews, D Bradshaw, Mrs S Ezra, F Morland, Mrs C Mitchell and WD Tout

Mr K Harvey (Town Clerk) and Mrs A McCann

Also in attendance: Two members of the public

P.4131 PUBLIC FORUM:

Bruce Evans:

- *Public Toilets – Read the recent article, if no private investors will it be left to Westbury Town Council to take them over?*
- *Street Lights – They are now being switched off between midnight and 5am and it is very dark along Orchard Road and The Butts – how long has this been going on for?*
The Clerk informed this initiative commenced on 2st June 2015.
- *Old oil wagons recovered from the lake. Believe one has been restored and is currently residing in a garden in Bratton. Could you find room to put it at the entrance of The Laverton?*
- *Disabled bay outside The Laverton – what has happened to this?*
The Chair explained the Highways department turned down the planning application as they considered the access unsafe.
- *Temporary closure of Hospital Road and suspension of one way restriction – why have we not received letters regarding this?*
It was explained this is a Wiltshire Council/Wessex Water matter
- *Fracking – Will we hear more about this? Is it the job of Westbury Town Council to keep us informed?*
The Clerk advised Westbury Town Council had not heard anything about this.
- *Public Forum – What is the point of it? I have raised points at previous meetings and have not had a reply.*
The Clerk apologised and explained he had been away for two weeks but would send a reply.

P.4132 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

- Cllr D Anderson - Business
- Cllr P Wakeman - Personal

P.4133 DISPENSATIONS: Nil.

P.4134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (if any) AND REASONS:

P.4135 MINUTES. The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 21st September 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:
Minute P.4123 - to add 'Market' to the second line after Lavington

P.4136 MATTERS ARISING (if any) FROM THESE MINUTES:

- It was agreed to refer the recent 'Protocol for Public Forum' document back to the Policies and Resources Committee to ask them to review how we record what is said in the public forum.

a) Members' Matters Arising. Nil

P.4137 REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS (if any). Wiltshire Council matters only. None

P.4138 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Resident complaint regarding overgrown pampas grass blocking the view by the roundabout near the Spur (Westbury Leigh end).

It was agreed to refer this to the Highways department at Wiltshire Council.

P.4139 PLANNING DECISIONS. The Committee noted Planning Decisions made up to 19th October 2015.

P.4140 PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The Committee considered Planning Applications received from Wiltshire Council and the decisions reached are as follows:

15/09079/VAR
17.09.15
Variation of
Conditions

Variation of condition 1 on W/92/01137/FUL to change the hours of opening to 1600 to 000 Midnight, Monday – Wednesday Evenings. 1600 – 0200AM on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays and 1600 – 2300 on Sundays.

1 Bratton Road, Westbury, BA13 3EN
Applicant: Mr Niam Ismaili

The Committee objected to this application due to the effect on residential amenity and the impact to local residents.

15/06834/FUL
30.09.15
Full Plan

Change of use to A3 (reversion to use approved in 2001 and 2007)
Town Hall, 6 Market Place, Westbury, BA13 3DQ
Applicant: Mrs Salima Parmak

No Objections

15/09147/LBC
30.09.15
Full Plan
Removal of partitions and re-instatement of original layout to enable COU to A3
Town Hall, 6 Market Place, Westbury, BA13 3DQ
Applicant: Mrs Salima Parmak

No Objections

15/09455/FUL
25.09.15
Full Plan
Proposed single storey lean-to side extension, proposed re-alignment of fence and proposed new vehicle access with associated dropped kerb.
26 Bashkir Road, Westbury, BA13 3GY
Applicant: Mr Colbear

No Objections

15/09912/TPO
12.10.15
Tree(s) in
Preservation Order
Various Tree Work
Land adjacent 11 Hunters Chase, Westbury, BA13 3GQ
Applicant: Wiltshire Council

No Objections

15/10096/FUL
13.10.15
Full Plan
Erection of first floor extension
10 Eden Vale Road, Westbury, BA13 3NZ
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Terret

No Objections

P.4141 RESIDENT CONCERNS REGARDING ROAD SAFETY IN EDEN VALE ROAD. To consider the request for double yellow lines

The Committee noted the residents concern.

It was resolved to forward this request to CATG via the online Area Board Community Issues System, asking Highways to consider the request as it is a safety concern. No monetary contribution.

The Clerk to write to Mr Gibbons to inform him of the Committee's decision to refer the matter to Wiltshire Council.

P.4142 HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE / MATTERS:

- **Loose gravel at the roundabout exit on Station Road.**
To consider whether to report the issue via the Area Board online Community Issues System.

It was resolved to report the issue to CATG via the online Area Board Community Issues System, stating that the gravel is a hazard to both road users and pedestrians and request Highways clear the loose gravel as a matter of urgency.

- **Wheel washing at The Mead development.**

Due to several complaints regarding mud on the road at the site entrance/exit it was resolved to forward this to CATG via the online Area Board Community Issues System asking them to ensure the wheel washing conditions of their planning application are being adhered to.

- **Temporary Closure of Laverton Road, Westbury.**

On 19th October 2015, the following length of road shall be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wales and West Utilities to undertake gas main replacement.

Laverton Road, Westbury, from junction of Chalford to junction of Laverton Road, North.

Alternative route: Via Chalford, Warminster Road, Leigh Road, Laverton Road (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works period.

This closure notice comes into effect on 19th October 2015, for a maximum of 21 days; however it is anticipated the work will take 21 days to complete.

Noted

P.4143 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Westbury Hospital Campaign Group (STOP) is holding a public meeting at The Laverton Institute on Weds Oct 28th at 7pm. They would very much welcome your attendance.

Noted

Cllr Morland requested an update from the Health Task & Finish Working Group – It was agreed to ask the Chair of Policies and Resources to provide an update.

- Benchmarking – Thursday 22nd October 2015, meet at The Laverton at 9.45am ready to commence the benchmarking at 10am.
- Benches – The new benches have now been installed around the town and a letter of thanks has already been received from a resident regarding the new bench by Morrisons.
- Reminder of the meeting at County Hall tomorrow night at 5.30pm to discuss the challenges Wiltshire Council faces in 2016 and beyond.
- Policy and Resources Committee meeting has been called for Monday 26th October 2015 at 7pm to deal with budget bids relating to that Committee and agendas will be posted out tomorrow.

P.4144 MONTHLY STATEMENT :

The monthly statement was noted after the following queries were raised:

- 4121 - Town twinning - over by £172
This year was an anniversary celebration and the extra expenditure was due to the purchasing of a gift.
- 4103 – Civic Reception – already showing expenditure of £250
The invoice has only just been received for the entertainment for last February and this will not affect this year's budget.
- 4025 – Insurance, The Laverton – over by £420
The Clerk to check with our accountant why the budget was understated.
- 4058 – HR/H&S Consultancy – over by £1,250
The Clerk explained HR and Health and Safety had been outsourced since 1st October 2014 and this amount should be forwarded into next year's budget as a prepayment.
- 4014 – Electricity/Gas, The Laverton - £36 shown. What is this category as there are separate categories for gas and electric under numbers 4074 and 4075.
The Clerk to look into the relevant code to determine what this amount covered.

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BUDGET BIDS:

Street Scene Working Group

To increase the budget bids for Street Scene Working Group by £5,000.00 for Furniture etc

And by £6,000.00 for Flowers/Planting.

With regard to the furniture items we will need to ensure that we have provision for benches, finger posts (update) new information signs in High Street Car Park, Grit Bins and maybe replacement or new Dog Bins.

Flowers have now become our responsibility as Wiltshire Council has decided to no longer provide any planting in our town. I am sure the people in Westbury would like to see our town looking its best.

Play Areas Working Group

To increase the budget bid from Play Areas Working Group by £12,000.00 rolling budget to continue to upgrade and do **URGENT** repairs that Wiltshire Council seem or are unwilling to do, to keep our children safe.

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WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS:

TIG (TOWN IMPROVEMENT GROUP):

The group has not met.

STREET SCENE WORKING GROUP:

The group met on the 29th September. All Benches have been delivered and installed; new finger posts are in the process of being updated and ordered.

We have been informed by the Town Clerk that Wiltshire Council is no longer dealing with flower beds that they normally replant each season. As a result the Council will be replanting them to continue to make our town look nice.

The Town Clerk has been asked to speak to the Heritage Centre about the shutters that are down when they are closed and this makes the notice boards about various events etc unavailable to be viewed. The repainting of the bollards in town to return them to the original colour will be finished by the end of October.

Cllr Mrs S Ezra
Chair

PLAY AND LEISURE WORKING GROUP:

The group again discussed the NONE reply from Wiltshire Council to our concerns about the dangers in Grass Acres play area. We have decided to write again underling the reply time. Regarding the S106 money for the development from Frogmore Road, we have £1412.00 left so we intend to spend it on another piece of equipment in Primmers Place.

With the money from the Leigh Park development we are looking to spend this at the Becks Mill play area and we need to use this by 2017. Although we asked Delegation of Services Working Group to look at the adjoining piece of land which Wiltshire Council own so far we have had no response. The group decided to write direct to WC to see if they will give us the land.

Cllr Mrs S Ezra
Chair

9.04pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this sixteenth day of November 2015**

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Chairman