

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2020/09/14 – 01

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held via Zoom¹ on Monday 14 September 2020 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: A Preest (Chairman), J Greenwood and S Stockham

Cllr R Holmes

District Cllr H Ives

District Cllr C Vaughan

Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Clerk – Minute Taker

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr Leach.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 9 March 2020 was **proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Stockham.**
Unanimous.

The list of decisions taken under delegated powers since the last meeting due to Covid-19 (Appendix A) was duly noted.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public was pleased to note that the Vehicle Activated Sign for Primrose Hill was an agenda item and felt that the matter needed to be progressed. The member of public highlighted safety concerns due to vehicles parking on Newerne Street whilst making deliveries to the retailers who were sited opposite the Hams Road/Newerne Street junction. Members were reminded that the previous Town Clerk had written to all the businesses in this section to encourage deliveries to be made to the rear of their premises, however, it was felt that one organisation was continuing to receive deliveries to the front of their store. Furthermore, that the Town Clerk had been requested to contact Forest of Dean District Council to ascertain if they would be agreeable to designating an area of their car park as a delivery zone. The member of public also highlighted that whilst Gloucestershire Highways had previously advised that a time specific unloading restriction already existed this section of Newerne Street, signage for such was still not evident. Furthermore, the member of public expressed concern over the condition of the highway in Hams Road in the area of the Bus Station as people had expressed concern that their vehicles were being damaged.

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would contact Forest of Dean District Council to ascertain if they would be agreeable to designating an area of their car park as a delivery zone and would also progress the erection of signage with Gloucestershire Highways.

Action by – the Assistant Clerk

¹ The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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Regarding the condition of the highway in Hams Road, Cllr Preest explained that there were two well-used turning points for HGV's/buses and that the planning application for Lidl was soon to be determined which would affect the type of road surface which was to be laid as it may be necessary to reinforce a larger area. Therefore, Gloucestershire Highways had taken the decision to patch the highway until the outcome of the planning application was known.

District Cllr Ives – Agenda Item 8 – Spoke strongly in favour of installing a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS); stressed that speeding along Primrose Hill had been highlighted several times, with the section adjacent to the Meend thought to be the worst; that a speed survey had been undertaken by two PCSOs in 2019 the results of which he felt should support the installation of a VAS; suggested that it may be possible to alternate the Council's existing mobile VAS between Primrose Hill and the existing position close to Bathurst Pool.

Cllr Preest brought Agenda Item 8 – Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) forward, however, the minutes reflect the order as shown on the agenda.

HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

5. **TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS** **Road Closure**

Temporary Road Closures – Blanket Order and Closure Form for Forest Area. Work due to take place between 1 July 2020 and 9 October 2020.

Footpath Closure/Diversion

Nothing to report.

6. **HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE**

- E-mail from a member of the public regarding traffic on Bathurst Park Road and Whitecross Road requesting assistance from the Town Council. *Cllr Preest advised that he would contact the Local Highway Manager to arrange for the road to be refreshed and brought back to the required standard.*

Action by- Cllr Preest

- Request from a member of the public to provide comment on the withdrawal of the 07:27 HRS Lydney to Gloucester/Cheltenham train, together with the train which arrives at Lydney from Gloucester/Cheltenham at 16:45 HRS. *During discussion Cllr Preest provided Members with an overview of the correspondence which had been sent by Mr Mark Harper MP and also the Motion which had been Resolved at Forest of Dean District Council. It was agreed that the Town Council would write to CrossCountry Trains to implore them to reinstate the above services.*

Action by – the Assistant Clerk

7. **STREET NAMES**

Nothing to report.

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8. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the response which had been obtained from Mr B Watkins, Local Highway Manager, regarding a possible VAS for Primrose Hill.

Members noted that it was likely that a permanent VAS would not be supported, however, there was greater flexibility afforded to the Town Council in respect of a mobile unit. Members also noted that a budgetary figure of £5,000.00 would need to be secured for a new VAS.

During discussion consideration was given towards the possibility of varying the existing agreement for the mobile VAS to enable it to be utilised at Primrose Hill, subject to a mutually agreeable location being identified. It **proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Stockham**, that the Council would pursue this option; that Cllr Preest would meet with Mr Watkins on 23 September 2020 to agree a mutually acceptable location; with the matter being an agenda item for the next meeting. Unanimous.

Action by – Cllr Preest

It was noted that Mr Watkins had agreed to attend the October Committee meeting.

PLANNING ISSUES

9. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

None.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1254/20/FUL – Mr D Robertson & Mrs J Powell, 18 Lynwood Road, Lydney
Erection of a first floor extension with associated works
No objection

P1306/20/FUL – Mr & Mrs Scullion, 9 Primrose Way, Lydney
Erection of a first floor dormer extension. Re-roofing of existing kitchen
No objection subject to no increase in the height of the existing roof line

P1302/20/FUL – Mr J Tamone, 1 Bracken Drive, Lydney
Erection of a single storey extension providing assessable shower room for disabled person
No objection

P1324/20/FUL - Miss D Morgan, 27 Naas Lane, Lydney
Construction of vehicle access and driveway
No objection

P1402/20/PIP – Mr D Sleeman, Land Adjoining Lydney Rugby Club, Regentsholme, Regent Street, Lydney
Permission in principle for the erection of two dwellings
No objection

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11. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P1116/20/TCA – Churchfield House, Church Road, Lydney

Approved – Reduction of 1x Yew Tree by 30% and privet to be coppiced, crown lift to x 1 Apple Tree, trim x 1 Holly and Laurel to have leader removed at Churchfield House

P1061/20/PIP – Land off Swan Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Permission in principle for the erection of 6 flats

P1193/20/TCA – 5 Bathurst Park Road, Lydney

Approved – Fell x 3 Leylandii trees at 5 Bathurst Park Road

12. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- Changes to the current planning system consultation (NALC deadline for response – 17 September 2020) – *Members to respond as individuals*
- Planning for the future consultation (NALC deadline for response 15 October 2020) – *Agenda item for the October meeting*
- Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control consultation (NALC deadline response – 16 October 2020) – *Agenda item for the October meeting*

13. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

New Premises Licence in respect of Naas Court, Naas Lane, Lydney

No objection

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Stockham queried why a cycle path had only been provided on one side of Hill Street, as he felt that a path should have been provided on both sides. Cllr Preest advised that the Cycleway had yet to be signed off and both Lydney Town Council and Aylburton Parish Council had reported issues to the Officer involved at Gloucestershire County Council. Cllr Preest gave a commitment to raise the issue during his meeting on 23 September 2020.

Cllr Greenwood questioned what progress had been made on the extension of the 20 mph zone along Forest Road and stressed the necessity for the extension to support the Multi Use Track initiative. Cllr Preest agreed to raise the matter with Mr B Watkins and requested that the matter be an agenda item for the October meeting.

Action by – Cllr Preest/the Assistant Clerk

Cllr Preest advised that numerous issues had been experienced at Severnbanks School due to construction/utility work. A number of site visits would be conducted with District Councillors and Cllr Preest gave a commitment to update the Town Council's office of any progress.

15. MEETING DATES

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee would take place on 14 April 2020.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Chairman

Date