

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2020/10/12 – 05

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held via Zoom¹ on Monday 12 October 2020 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: A Preest (Chairman), W Leach and S Stockham

Mr B Watkins, Local Highway Manager, Gloucestershire County Council

Cllr R Holmes

District Cllr H Ives

One member of the public

Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Clerk – Minute Taker

1. **APOLOGIES**

None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr W Leach – Planning application P1517/20/FUL – Lydney Community Centre Limited, Lydney Youth and Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney

Cllr A Preest - Planning application P1517/20/FUL – Lydney Community Centre Limited, Lydney Youth and Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney and P1612/20/ADV – The Midcounties Co-operative, Cross Hands Garage, Cross Hands, Lydney

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 14 September 2020 was **proposed by Cllr Stockham, seconded by Cllr Preest**. Vote carried.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public raised two issues, these being:

- i) Primrose Way: Problems were being experienced with parents/guardians of children attending Primrose Hill School. It was noted that the carriageway was restricted due to vehicles parking on a bend in Primrose Way close to the small gated footpath which led to the school and it was felt that an accident would occur in the future. It was noted that the Governors of the School had previously raised the issue with parents but felt that they were unable to take any further action as the area concerned was not within the School's ownership. The member of the public stated that a resident asked for consideration to be given to either painting "Keep Clear" on the bend, or to extending the 20 mph zone to Primrose Hill School.
- ii) Lynwood Road: Vehicles are using the road as a way to avoid congestion at the Primrose Way junction and a resident of the area has requested that consideration be given to installing traffic calming measures.

In view of the above it was **proposed by Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr Stockham**, that the Town Council would write to Gloucestershire County Council to request that the

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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current 20 mph zone be extended to cover the whole of the Lydney area, commencing at each gateway into the Parish. Unanimously AGREED.

Action by – the Assistant Clerk

HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

5. GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL HIGHWAY MANAGER

Cllr Preest welcomed Mr B Watkins to the meeting.

Mr Watkins provided the Committee with an overview of the highway work which had been programmed and also work which had been agreed, but yet to be programmed. During his report Mr Watkins confirmed that the road surface in Hams Road by the Bus Station would be resurfaced but he cautioned that before the work could take place it would be prudent for the planning application by Lidl to have been determined, as this would affect the type of surface which would need to be provided. Mr Watkins also advised of a successful funding bid which would enable disabled access improvements to be made areas of the Town during the early part of 2021.

Cllr Stockham felt the cycleway scheme to be a huge improvement for the Town but questioned why a cycle lane had only been provided on one side of Hill Street; why it had not been possible to provide an advisory lane in Newerne Street; highlighted a number of potholes in Church Road. Mr Watkins gave a commitment to inspect the potholes in Church Road and to relay the other issues to the Officer who was in charge of implementing the cycleway scheme. Cllr Leach also reported that there were a number of areas where white paint was already coming off the cycleway route and request that Mr Watkins raise this matter with the Officer.

Mr Watkins informed the Committee of the footpath resurfacing which would take place in Newerne Street from outside Lloyds Pharmacy to Lloyds Bank.

At this point Cllr Preest elected to bring forward Agenda Item 9 – Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), however, the minutes reflect the order as shown on the agenda.

6. TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS

Road Closure

Full Road Closure – Naas Lane, Lydney. Naas Road Crossing 50m either side of crossing from 8 February 2021 22:00 HRS until 10 February 2021 06:00 HRS
NIGHTS ONLY

Footpath Closure/Diversion

Nothing to report.

7. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mail response from Ms S Kelley, CrossCountry Trains in light of the Council's e-mail requesting that services be reinstated from Lydney Station. Noted.
- Response awaited from Forest of Dean District Council regarding the creation of a loading area in Newerne Street Car Park. Noted.

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8. **STREET NAMES**

Nothing to report.

9. **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)**

Mr Watkins advised that he had informed the Council's previous Clerk there were two areas where posts could be erected for the existing VAS, these being the top side of 57 Primrose Hill and by the last house on the left, as you drove up Primrose Hill. Mr Watkins gave a commitment to mark the locations but was unsure of the extent of the speeding issues as he felt that the quantity of parked cars would act as a deterrent. Accordingly, Mr Watkins felt that the Town Council may wish to commission a speed survey at a cost of £150.00 in order to support their request and cautioned that a VAS would not deter anti-social driving. The Committee were advised that each post would cost approximately £200.00.

District Cllr Ives recalled that a report in the local press had advised that a speed survey undertaken by a PCSO recorded instances of speeding. Furthermore, he highlighted that issues were experienced with speeding in the evenings. Mr Watkins advised that he would accept the Police survey, if the information was still available. It was Proposed by Cllr Preest that the Committee would approve the cost of undertaking a speed survey at £150.00 if the survey by the Police was not available. Furthermore, that the Committee would approve the cost of installing two posts for the mobile VAS at £200.00 each. Unanimously APPROVED.

Action by – the Assistant Clerk

At this point Cllr Holmes enquired as to the current position regarding the loading restriction for Newerne Street and the actual times of the restriction. The Assistant Clerk reminded all present that they, including Cllr R Holmes, had been provided with a copy of Mr Watkins's email confirming that signage had been ordered. Mr Watkins gave a commitment to inform the Council of the actual times of the restriction and hoped that the signage would be installed mid November.

10. **EXTENSION OF 20 MPH ZONE**

Discussed under Open Forum.

PLANNING ISSUES

11. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

None.

12. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P1466/20/FUL – Mr & Mrs J Teague, 9 Primrose Hill, Lydney
Erection of a first floor extension and balcony with associated works

No objection

P1517/20/FUL – Lydney Community Centre Limited, Lydney Youth and Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney

Erection of a single storey extension to provide storage space for community facility

Noted

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P1491/20/FUL – Mr Elliot, 1 Willow Heights, Lydney

Construction of a new rear balcony and raised access linking the property to existing rear garden

No objection

P1605/20/AG – Hill Farm, Lensbrook, Lydney

Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details
Prior notification for the erection of a two bay extension to the existing parlour building

No objection

P1612/20/ADV – The Midcounties Co-operative, Cross Hands Garage, Cross Hands, Lydney

Advertisement consent for x 1 internally illuminated fascia sign above shop entrance, 1 internally illuminated totem sign and x 3 internally illuminated canopy signs

No objection

13. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P00801/20/DISCON – Land Between Rodley Manor Way and Naas Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of condition 04 (details of above ground feature) relating to planning permission P1337/19/FUL

P1022/20/FUL – The Coach House, Swan Inn, Swan Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a covered external link corridor between the Swan Pub and the Ugly Duckling Restaurant.

P0627/20/FUL – The Cottage, Plummers Farm, Naas Lane, Lydney

Application Refused – Change of use from live/work unit with annexed cottage to two separate dwellings.

P1953/19/APP – Land Between Lydney Bypass and Highfield Road, Highfield Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Approval of Reserved Matters (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and scale) for outline planning permission P0361/15/OUT for the erection of 148 dwellings, open space, infrastructure and ancillary works.

19/0063/STMAJW – Magnox Limited, Berkeley Nuclear Power Station, Hamfield Lane, Berkeley

Granted Permission – Retrospective installation of plant and structures required in connection with decommissioning and the Active Waste Vaults Retrieval Programme

P0119/19/DISCON – Land Between Lydney Bypass and Highfield Road, Highfield Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of conditions 01 (approval of reserved matters application), 02 (parameter plans), 05 (sequencing plans), 06 (urban design and landscape), 07 (floor levels and sections), 08 (car parking facilities), 13 (traffic strategy), 14 (car park & site operative accommodation), 17 (surface water & drainage), 18 (surface water & drainage), 19 (urban drainage), 20 (urban drainage), 22 (noise), 23 (waste minimisation strategy), 25 (fire hydrants), 26 (archaeology), 27 (construction environmental management plan) of planning permission P0361/15/OUT relating to parcel 4. (Revised description)

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P1078/20/TPO – Dene Hollow Cottage, Highfield Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Works to 3 Oaks in TPO062, A2 to reduce by a maximum of 30% at Dene Hollow Cottage.

As Cllr Preest was experiencing an intermittent Broadband signal the Committee could not consider any further business.

Due to the impending deadlines for the two NALC consultations which had been agenda items, Cllr Stockham kindly agreed to circulate his thoughts on the “Planning for the Future” consultation should the Chairman wish to submit a corporate response.

All other items were deferred to the next meeting; if matters were deemed to require a response prior to the next meeting an Extra Ordinary meeting would be convened.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Chairman

Date