

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE – 2020/11/09 – 10

Minutes of the meeting held via Zoom¹ on Monday 9th November 2020 at 5.45 pm.

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

Cllr J Carr

District Cllr H Ives

Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Clerk – Minute Taker

1. **APOLOGIES**

None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 12th October 2020 was **proposed by Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr Stockham.**
Unanimously AGREED.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public reminded the Committee that, at the previous meeting, they had raised the issue of inconsiderate parking on Primrose Way by parents/guardians collecting pupils from the local school. The member of public asked if the Committee wished to raise the issue with the Local Highway Manager at Gloucestershire County Council to ascertain if any solutions could be identified. During discussion it was noted that the school had previously contacted parents/guardians to request that they park more considerately but the situation had not improved. In his capacity as a County Councillor, Cllr Preest gave a commitment to raise the issue, as well as the extension of the 20 mph zone, at a meeting with Officers from the County Council scheduled for that week. Cllr Stockham spoke on a scheme which had been used by another Authority whereby pupils designed posters which were put on the windscreens of offending vehicles.

Action by – Cllr Preest

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

Road Closures

- Temporary Closure: Stanford Road from its junction with Bream Road to its junction with Grove Road for a distance of approximately 75 meters. From 23 November 2020 to 27 November 2020.
- Full Road Closure – From outside Norchard Rail to outside Birchwood (approximately 500 metres) from 22 February 2021 to 5 March 2021.

Footpath Closure/Diversion

- Further extension of closure of FLY92 until 30 April 2022
- Proposed diversion of FLY95 Part (at Rodley Manor Way, Lydney)

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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6. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- Response from Forest of Dean District Council regarding the creation of a loading area in Newerne Street Car Park. It was AGREED to hold the matter in abeyance until the impact of the loading restriction signage could be assessed. In the meantime, the Assistant Clerk was requested to report to the Police the practice of Greggs customers to park on the zig zag area of the adjacent pedestrian crossing.
Action by – the Assistant Clerk
- Chepstow Transport Study Exhibition and Consultation event taking place from 2 November 2020 to 13 December 2020 (<https://virtualengage.arup.com/chepstow-transport-study>) It was AGREED to request that Officers post notice of the consultation on the Town Council's Facebook page.

7. STREET NAMES

Prior to the meeting Members had been informed that the District Council had written to advise that it would be using a number of the names suggested by the Town Council for the development of 104 dwellings on Highfield Hill. The Assistant Clerk advised that she was in the process of contacting the families associated with the name to inform them accordingly.

8. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)

The Assistant Clerk advised that she would contact PCSO Oliver to progress the results of the traffic survey and had ensured that a commitment for a VAS had been included in the Committee's budget, based on the anticipated expenditure agreed at the last meeting.

9. DEAN FOREST GREENWAY – MULTI USE TRACK FROM PARKEND TO LYDNEY

Prior to the meeting Members had been provided with a copy of the report produced by West Dean Parish Council, together with Greenways and Cycileroutes Limited.

Cllr Greenwood provided Members with an overview of the work undertaken by West Dean Parish Council since the Town Council withdrew from leading the project. Cllr Greenwood advised that West Dean Parish Council planned to submit a planning application to the Local Planning Authority and that interested parties would be provided with an opportunity to comment on the plans. It was noted that discussions were still taking place with landowners on the route and it was felt that any issues identified during such discussions would be resolved prior to the submission of the planning application.

Speaking in his capacity as a County Councillor, Cllr Preest advised that Gloucestershire County Council had put forward a scheme for the Government's Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 2, the outcome of which had yet to be decided. It was asked if Lydney Town Council would be requested to provide funding or to agree to any specific action to support the project. Cllr Greenwood was unaware of any financial or resource requirement at this stage, because he had only been requested to obtain the Town Council's assistance with the extension of the 20 mph zone and its view regarding a possible Newerne Link route. Cllr Preest advised that he would progress the extension of the 20 mph zone and Cllr Leach highlighted that the Town Council had already approached Forest of Dean District Council regarding the potential

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re-purposing of car parking space for a community area, which he felt would link well with a Newerne Link route.

Cllr Greenwood stressed that a key requirement of the proposed route was the extension of the 20mph zone in Forest Road. It was AGREED that, while the Committee had previously requested that the proposed 20mph zone be extended to each of its 'Gateways', County Cllr Preest would request that the section for Forest Road from Norchard be conducted as a trial scheme in order to hasten its progress.

Action by – Cllr Preest

Consideration was then given to the possibility of a Newerne Link route. Cllr Preest confirmed that, when he had walked the proposed route, it had seemed prudent to investigate the possibility of linking the proposed track to the path into the overflow car park in Newerne Street; Cllr Preest gave a commitment to raise the matter at his meeting with County Council Officers later in the week.

Action by – Cllr Preest

PLANNING ISSUES

10. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

None.

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P1665/20/FUL – Mr and Mrs M Davis, 31 Kimberley Drive, Lydney
Erection of a detached single garage. Demolition of existing shed
No objection

P1670/20/FUL – Mr and Mrs P and B Deane, The Walks, Neds Top, Oldcroft, Lydney
Erection of a single storey extension and internal alterations
No objection

P1711/20/ADV – Barratt David Wilson Homes, Residential Development Site to the West of Rodley Manor Way, Lydney
Advertisement consent for the erection of a free standing non illuminated V board sales sign (comprising of 2 no identical panels) and 2 non-illuminated flag signs displaying 'BDW' corporate logo to be positioned either side of the V board
No objection

P1713/20/ADV – Barratt David Wilson Homes, Verge off Rodley Manor Way To, New Residential Development Site, Lydney
Advertisement Consent for the erection of 1 no. freestanding non illuminated sales sign and 2 no. non illuminated flag signs
No objection

P1717/20/FUL – Mr M Keen, 39 Forest Road, Lydney
Erection of a two storey extension
No objection

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The Assistant Clerk advised of revised plans relating to P1056/20/FUL – Lydney Car Centre, Newerne Street which, unfortunately, had been received too late for consideration at the meeting. As the deadline for receipt of comments was prior to the next meeting it was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk be requested to ask for an extension to the deadline for comments. If this was not allowed the Council's response to the revised plans would be determined under Delegated Powers.

Action by – the Assistant Clerk

12. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P1402/20/PIP – Land adjoining Lydney Rugby Club, Regentsholme, Regents Street, Lydney

Application Refused – Permission in principle for the erection of two dwellings

P1254/20/FUL – 18 Lynwood Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of first floor extension with associated works

P1190/20/FUL – 41 Abbots Gate, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a rear conservatory with associated works

P0928/20/FUL – Land East of Par Four Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Variation of Condition 02 (Approved Plans) to allow for changes to approved house type details relating to planning permission P1399/18/FUL (Revised description)

P1433/20/LD2 – 16 Severn Road, Lydney

LDC Issued – Application under Section 192 to establish whether a single storey rear extension requires planning permission

P1306/20/FUL – 9 Primrose Way, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a first floor dormer extension, re-roofing of existing kitchen

P1591/18/APP – Land off Driffield Road and Allaston Road Court Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Approval of Reserved Matters following outline permission P1284/13/OUT for the erection of 200 dwellings including 20 serviced self-build plots and up to 37 retirement apartments, affordable housing, community building (up to 186 sq m) comprising flexible A1/D2 ancillary space, new public open space and new access roads being approved through appeal APP/P1615/A/14/2218921RD) of Phase A only (approved through P0043/18/DISCON) for 18 residential units.

P0112/18/DISCON – Land off Driffield Road and Allaston Road Court Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of conditions 6 (Site levels), 7 (Foul water drainage), 8 (Surface water drainage), 9 (Parking and manoeuvring), 12 (Footways/cycleway), 13 (Street management), 14 (Fire hydrants), 15 (Construction Method Statement), 17 (Waste Minimisation Statement), 20 (Archaeological works), 21 (Protected species method statement), 22 (Bat method statement), 23 (Lighting), 24 (Landscape and ecological management plan) and 25 (Vegetation removal statement) for phase A only (as approved through P0043/18/DISCON) of planning permission P1284/13/OUT (allowed on appeal 2218921RD, following remit to the Secretary of State) on the 7th November 2017 for the Erection of 200 dwellings including 20 serviced self-build plots and up to 37 retirement

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apartments, affordable housing, community building (up to 186 square metres) comprising flexible A1/D2 ancillary space, new public open space and new access roads.

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

Approved – Prior notification for the erection for a two bay extension to the existing parlour building

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

P1496/20/LD2 – Unit 3 Old Farmers Store, Church Road, Lydney

LDC Issued – Application under Section 192 to establish whether the installation of an MOT bay requires planning permission

13. **LICENSING APPLICATION**

Gambling Premises License – Betfred, 22-24 Newerne Street, Lydney

No objection

14. **REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Committee was reminded of comments made at a number of Council and Committee meetings on the need to update the Town's Approved Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). No formal discussion had yet taken place, so the Committee was asked if it would support undertaking a review of the NDP in the future. If the Committee supported the approach, the Finance and Scrutiny Committee would be asked to consider where funding to consider the cost of a future review could be identified.

The Committee Chair spoke in support of a review of the NDP. Members were conscious of the considerable amount of work which had been undertaken to produce the current NDP, which had been tirelessly championed by the then Deputy Mayor. The Council would need to ensure that sufficient funds were available to cover the cost of engaging sufficient support to facilitate such a review.

A member suggested that a review of the NDP, and its funding, could be included as part of a Regeneration project which was being discussed by the Council.

It was agreed that the Local Planning Authority would be contacted for advice on reviewing the current NDP.

Action by – the Assistant Clerk

15. **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

- Consultations - Planning for the Future (the planning white paper) and Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control. It was NOTED that corporate responses to neither consultation had been possible, due to a lack of time.
- Forest of Dean District Council: Local Plan Economic Viability Assessment consultation effective from 22 September 2020 to 17 November 2020. NOTED.
- Forest of Dean District Council: Local Plan Preferred Option consultation effective from 22 October 2020 to 29 January 2021. DEFERRED to the next meeting.

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16. **BUDGET**

The Committee had been provided with a report showing its current position against the Budget for 2020/21. It was noted, that since the report had been printed, commitments had been placed in the Committee’s budget in respect of the expenditure approved for the VAS at the last meeting.

The Committee was then requested to consider the draft budget for 2021/22, including financial provision for any projects. It was Proposed by the Chair that the Committee’s budget remain at £5,450 and this was unanimously APPROVED.

17. **COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Leach advised that the consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Options was being undertaken at the same time as a consultation on which hospital services residents would like to see provided in the south of the Forest. Members were urged to respond to the hospital services consultation. The Chair requested that details of the hospital services consultation be posted on the Town Council’s Facebook Page.

Action by – the Assistant Clerk

The meeting closed at 6.59 pm.

Chair

Date