

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2018/09/10 – 11

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 10 September 2018 at 5.59 pm.

PRESENT: A Preest (Chairman) (late arrival), K Greening, C Harris, H Ives, W Leach, B Pearman and J Greenwood (late arrival)

Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

Due to the absence of Cllr Preest it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Harris would assume the position of Chairman until a Vice Chairman had been appointed.

Cllr Harris informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting.

1. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Greening proposed Cllr Pearman for the position of Vice Chairman. **Seconded by Cllr Harris.** All agreed.

Cllr Harris resigned the position of Chairman at this point and Cllr Pearman assumed the role.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Berryman, Christodoulides and Preest (late arrival)

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 9 July 2018 was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Harris.** Vote carried.

Notes from the Delegated Powers meetings held on 30 July and 21 August 2018 (Appendix A) were duly noted.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

None.

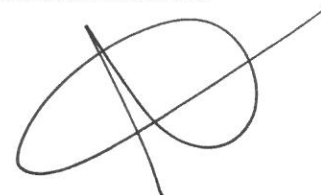
HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

6. **SIGNAGE**

20 mph Zone

Cllr Ives advised that the 20 mph zone was now fully compliant and that the enforcement action could be taken by the Police.

Cllr Greenwood arrived at this point.



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7. TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS

- Proposed diversion of FLY39 (Part)

8. USE OF WEEDKILLER

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of a letter of complaint which had been received from a member of the public in which they highlighted the recent legal challenge which had been successfully argued in the United States of America attributed to the use of glyphosate weedkiller. Members were also provided with a copy of the responses which had been obtained from the Council's supplier and UK Government Guidance in relation to the use of such products. Members were asked to consider if they wished to continue to use such products.

It was **proposed by Cllr Greening** that the Council would continue to use such products and would follow World Health Organisation guidelines. Cllr Greenwood advised that he had been contacted by the member of public who had provided examples of Towns which did not use weedkillers and he suggested that the matter be deferred until such time as he had time to research an alternative product. However, Members were reminded that a Motion had already been received which required consideration.

Cllr Harris agreed to second Cllr Greening's Motion which was then put to the vote. Vote carried.

Responding to a question raised by Cllr Leach, the CEO reminded Members of the Six Month Ruling.

9. PARKING

Cllr Greening expressed concern that emergency vehicles may be prevented from accessing some areas due to the number of vehicles/inconsiderate parking which was evident throughout the Town. Cllr Greening highlighted that the section of carriageway from Pylers Lane to Rodley Road was particularly troublesome as those with pushchairs/wheelchairs had to use the middle of the road due to vehicles obstructing the width of the pavements. Cllr Greening questioned if double yellow lines could be installed on one side of the carriageway so as to afford vehicular access for emergency vehicles.

During discussion Members noted that the situation described by Cllr Greening was not unique to Lydney and was a direct result of an increased number of vehicles on the road which could not be catered for by traditional parking arrangements. Cllr Harris advised that she had previously discussed the possibility of creating a one-way system for Klondyke and Steel Avenue with Mr B Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council, but the matter had not been progressed. It was noted that vehicles were parking on verges in residential areas (e.g. Jubilee Road) and that vehicles were being parked on a grassed area in Rodley Road.

Responding to the question which had been raised regarding the provision of double yellow lines Cllr Ives advised that a statutory process would need to be observed by Gloucestershire County Council and that if objections were received from residents the

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process would fail. Furthermore, statutory evidence would need to be provided that a safety issue existed.

Cllr Preest arrived at this point.

A Point of Order was called at this point due to the Committee Chairman being in attendance but not actually Chairing the meeting. Cllr Preest Chaired the meeting from this point.

10. LYDNEY CYCLE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with details of the proposed plans which had been on display as part of the Public Event hosted by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on 4 September 2018. Members were also provided with details of the Public Event in advance in order that they may take the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the proposals and speak to GCC Officers directly.

Cllr Preest provided an overview of how LEP funding for the proposals had been secured. Members' attention was drawn to the fact that the proposals included the utilisation of areas of land within the ownership of Lydney Recreation Trust and it was noted that the proposed scheme should therefore be an agenda item for the next Trust meeting.

During discussion a number of comments were made about the proposed scheme (e.g. need to consider increased street lighting in certain areas, the potential removal of the right turn lane into Tutnalls Street, responsibility for verges either side of FLY24, etc) and it was agreed that such comments would be forwarded to GCC in order that they may clarify such points. The proposed Parkend to Lydney cycle route was touched on, however, Members were informed that such was a completely separate project to the routes which would be funded via the LEP funding. After a short further discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Greening**, that the proposed cycle improvement scheme would be an agenda item for Lydney Recreation Trust in order that its comments may be recorded and the Officer at GCC notified prior to the target date. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

11. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PLANNING ISSUES

12. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER/PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

13. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

Members noted that Forest of Dean District Council resolved to include Lydney Bus Station on the list of Assets of Community Value, therefore the site will remain on the register for five years, until 16 July 2023.

Members were asked to consider if there were any other premises which they wished to register. After a short discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Harris**, that the Council would seek to register the Baptist Chapel in High Street.

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Furthermore, that a Delegated Powers meeting would be convened in two weeks' time in order to consider any other sites which the Council may wish to register. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

14. S106 CONTRIBUTIONS

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the S106 "Wish List" which had recently been submitted to Forest of Dean District Council.

During discussion Cllr Preest expressed concern that contradicting information had been given by the Local Planning Authority regarding the ability for local sporting clubs to apply for S106 contributions and it was agreed that the matter would be discussed further at the Delegated Powers meeting.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1145/18/FUL – Mr N Homewood, Adrianna, Court Road, Lydney

Variation of Condition 02 (Approved Plans) of planning permission P0640/15/FUL, to allow for the removal of a chimney stack and reduction in the size of kitchen and en-suite

No objection

P0073/18/DISCON – Bellway Homes Wales, Land Between Lydney Bypass and Highfield Road, Highfield Road, Lydney

Discharge of Condition 25 (Fire Hydrants) of planning permission P0361/15/OUT

No objection

P1288/18/OUT – Mrs S Harrison, 91 Primrose Hill, Lydney

Outline application for the erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling and construction of new vehicular access

No objection

P1300/18/FUL – Mr C George, 11 Berkeley Crescent, Lydney

Second floor extension to rear, front dormer extension with internal associated works and new front porch

No objection

P1286/18/OUT – Mr & Mrs Jones, 27 & 29 Highfield Road, Lydney

Outline application for the erection of 5 no. detached dwellings and associated garages
Objection. Council have concerns regarding access to the site which it feels is very narrow. Despite the NPPF stating that the Lead Authority for Highways do not have to make comment on the application we call on said Authority to reconsider this particular application due to the concerns in respect to the narrowness of the site access raised by Lydney Town Council.

P1391/18/FUL – Mr C Hill, 40 Forest Road, Lydney

Creation of car parking area and dropped kerb

No objection

16. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P0980/18/LD2 – 35 Par Four Lane, Lydney

LDC Issued – Application under Section 192 to establish whether the erection of a timber shed/garage requires planning permission.

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P0009/18/DISCON – Land between Lydney Bypass and Highfield Road, Highfield Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of condition 01 (Mitigation Scheme) and condition 02 (Bat Corridor Plan) of planning permission P0835/17/APP.

P0084/18/DISCON – Pedestrian Bridge over Railway Line, Church Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of Condition 03 (Method Statement) of Listed Building Consent P1146/17/LBC for alterations/repairs to footbridge

P1172/18/FUL – 42 Bracken Close, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a single storey rear extension including internal alterations. Demolition of existing conservatory

P0845/18/FUL – Land Off Driffield Road, Allaston Road and Court Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Removal of condition 18 (energy efficiency) of planning Appeal APP/P1615/A/14/2218921RD

17. **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

18. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Pearman advised that the CEO and Mayor would attend a meeting, on behalf of Lydney Town Council, at Forest of Dean District Council on 17 September 2018 in order to discuss Newerne Street Car Park. Members were reminded of the Town Council's prior resolution that it would not contribute towards a CCTV system for the Car Park.

19. **MEETING DATES**

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee would take place on 8 October 2018.

The meeting closed at 6.58 pm.

Chairman

Date 8 OCT 18