

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2018/12/10 – 27

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

PRESENT: A Preest (Chairman), R Christodoulides, K Greening, J Greenwood, W Leach and B Pearman

District Cllr Simpson
Cllr C Vaughan
One member of the public
Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Berryman, Harris and Ives.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 12 November 2018 was **proposed by Cllr Greening, seconded by Cllr Pearman**. Vote carried.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Ms S Champion, Feathers Drive, Lydney – Agenda item 13 (Oakdale) – felt that the first phase of the Estate had never been completed; highlighted that whilst the Bus Lane had been built it was still not in use; felt that residents had been promised facilities which had never materialised.

Cllr Preest advised that the issue of the outstanding facilities had been discussed at great length and the Town Council shared resident's frustrations. In his capacity of County Councillor Cllr Preest advised that he would attend a meeting with a Strategic Director of Gloucestershire County Council the following day, during which attempts would be made to resolve an issue regarding which it was thought had delayed the opening of the Bus Lane. During discussion it was noted that issues had been experienced with the Estate right from its creation (e.g. lack of street lighting when it was being used for residential purposes) and that residents had been advised to write directly to the Local Planning Authority (Forest of Dean District Council) who were responsible for enforcement of Planning Conditions. Responding to an enquiry made by Cllr Greenwood, Ms Champion informed Members that she had been advised to speak to District Cllr Bevan on the issue, however, District Cllr Bevan had referred her to the Town Council and whilst she had contacted him again to request a meeting, he had not responded to her request or returned her calls.

Regarding the request which had been made previously to re-open the unofficial footpath which had been created on the Estate, Members were advised that the CEO had

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contacted the Developer who had declined the request, instead advising that it was envisaged that the first element of the development would be built out by mid 2019 and would deliver a link from Boating Lake Lane to Lakeside Avenue which would be usable by members of the public. Furthermore, that until the early part of the scheme is delivered, access to the land is limited to the official public right of way that crosses the site.

Members then turned their attention to the failure to ensure that the Planning Conditions/Obligations had been complied with regarding the provision of a Bus Link. District Cllr Simpson agreed to ascertain if members of the public could ask questions at Forest of Dean District Council Planning Meetings and if so, Cllr Pearman confirmed that he would be happy to submit a question, on behalf of Lydney Town Council, regarding the failure to ensure compliance with the Planning Condition/Obligation relating to the Bus Link for Oakdale.

Action by – District Cllr Simpson/Cllr Pearman

HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

5. SIGNAGE

Members were shown a copy of the calendar which had been received from WPS Insurance (the Council's Insurer) depicting a number of roundabouts with sculptures/features placed in the centre. Members were asked to consider if they wished to once again approach Gloucestershire County Council to discuss the possibility of similar being utilised on roundabouts within Lydney. Members were reminded of the design sketches which had been commissioned by a businessman to utilise equipment depicting fishing on the Severn to be installed on roundabouts; said sketches had been referred to Gloucestershire Highways for their opinion.

Noting that the aforementioned businessman would shortly be submitting a planning application to redevelop a disused site close to Lydney Docks, it was agreed that the matter would be placed in abeyance until the outcome of the planning application was known.

6. TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS

- Temporary Road Closure – Naas Lane Crossing, 20m either side of crossing from 22:00 HRS on 9 March 2019 until 10:00 HRS on 10 March 2019.

7. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- Forest of Dean District Council – consultation on the proposal to divert FLY39 (Part) to enable a planning application, namely the erection of 347 residential units, access and highways, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure comprising Phase 2 “Higher Lydney Park”, reference number P1881/15/FUL to take place. Noted.

Street Names

Cllr Preest called on all Members to submit three suggestions for consideration at the January meeting. Members were reminded of the need to ensure that if their suggestions utilised names of prominent members of the public, that the person

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concerned was deceased; alternatively, consideration could also be given towards utilising prominent events/manufacturing businesses in the Town.

Action by – all Councillors

8. **BUS SHELTER**

Cllr Preest advised that the purchase of the replacement shelter was currently in the planning stage with Gloucestershire County Council and that funding had been allocated from his County Cllr budget to cover the purchase and installation. Members noted that at the previous meeting Lydney Town Council had agreed to take over the ownership/maintenance liability for the bus shelter once it had been installed.

Cllr Preest advised that he had been approached by a member of the public who believed that bus shelters should display “no smoking” signage and he gave a commitment to investigate if he could obtain a supply of such signage. All agreed.

Action by – Cllr Preest

Cllr Preest spoke of his intention to organise a public Forest Transport Seminar in Lydney to which Officers/Members from Gloucestershire County Council and representatives from Stagecoach, Cross County Rail, Forest Community Transport, etc would be invited to attend. Details of the Seminar would be circulated in the new year.

PLANNING ISSUES

9. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER/PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

10. **COMMUNITY ASSET NOMINATION LISTING**

Members noted that Lydney Baptist Church had since been added to the listing by Forest of Dean District Council and the CEO gave a commitment to circulate the response which had been received from Forest of Dean District Council concerning the other nominations which had been submitted.

Action by – the CEO

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P0124/18/DISCON – Edenstone Homes, Land Adjacent to Highfield Road, Lydney
Discharge of Condition 15 (land contamination) of planning permission P0108/17/FUL

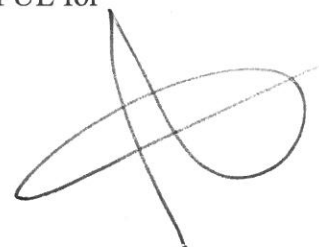
Noted – no objection

P1796/18/COU – Mr J Telling, Unit 2, Farmers Store, Church Road, Lydney
Proposed change of use from light industrial /retail to Use Class D2 (fitness facility and weightlifting club)

No objection

P1833/18/FUL – Edenstone Homes, Land Adjacent to Highfield Road, Lydney
Variation of condition (02) relating to planning permission P0108/17/FUL for substitution of house types for plots 14-50

Noted – no objection



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P1584/18/FUL – Perivale, New Mills, Forest Road, Lydney
Change of use of existing detached office/garage to create a holiday let and change of materials of previously approved office/garage from timber cladding to render (now a FULL application)

No objection

12. **TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC**

P1455/18/FUL – Country Meats Butchers, 25A Newerne Street, Lydney

Application Withdrawn – Change of use from butchers shop (A1) to a hot food takeaway (A5) and associated works

P0113/18/DISCON – Land East of Par Four Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of Conditions 13 (Land Contamination) and 29 (Archaeological Investigation) of Planning Permission P1399/18/FUL (Revised Description)

P1539/18/FUL – Unit 1 & 2 The Marina, Harbour Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Change of use from dance studio to canine hydrotherapy, grooming and day care units with associated parking. (Retrospective).

P1539/18/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. Re Planning Permission P1881/15/FUL.

P0820/18/FUL – Deangate Motel, High Street, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a single storey extension to provide x5 single bedrooms with en-suite and x1 staff bedroom with en-suite.

P1173/18/FUL – 41 Queen Street, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a first floor extension over existing ground floor bathroom to provide additional bedroom.

P1873/18/LD2 – 105 Lakeside Avenue, Lydney

LDC Issued – Application under section 192 to establish whether a dropped kerb requires planning permission

P0118/18/DISCON – Land East of Par Four Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of Condition 20 (Travel Plan) of planning permission P1399/18/FUL (Revised description)

13. **OAKDALE**

Members were reminded of the actions which had been agreed earlier in the meeting.

14. **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

Members were advised that a further letter had been received from Goode Court regarding the provision of a crossing point. It was noted that the letter had been forwarded to Gloucestershire County Council's Highway's Department, as the request made was beyond Lydney Town Council's remit. Cllr Preest requested that he be provided with a copy of the letter in order to progress a response with said Officers.

Action by – the CEO

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15. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Greenwood referenced the Cycling Improvements which were being proposed by Gloucestershire County Council and stated that whilst there was a strong feeling in the community that the improvements could be beneficial, they would need to be supported. Cllr Preest welcomed Cllr Greenwood's comments and advised that he would meet with an Officer from Gloucestershire County Council on 21 December 2018 to discuss a few concerns which had been raised by Aylburton Parish Council and extended an invitation to Cllr Greenwood to accompany him.

Cllr Pearman requested a future agenda item to once again discuss the prospect of developers contributing towards investment in improvements for the Town Centre. A request was also made that the CEO ascertain from the Local Planning Authority if any investment would be forthcoming from Persimmon and the "Lydney A" development by Robert Hitchins Limited. Cllr Preest requested that the Local Planning Authority be asked to provide the Town Council with a monthly update on whether Developers of housing sites in the Town had attained the necessary "trigger points/S106 conditions" to mandate the release of funding/implementation of infrastructure for the Town.

Action by – the CEO

Members were informed that at the last Amenities meeting Cllr White had suggested that consideration be given to wrapping the windows of vacant premises in vinyl depicting images of people shopping, in order to improve the visual appearance of the building. The CEO stated that the Local Planning Authority had advised that certain buildings would require a planning application to be submitted for their windows to be wrapped in vinyl and encouraged the Town Council to provide exact details of the buildings which the Council wished to "wrap". Members were advised that Cllr White was in the process of approaching NatWest and Mr Thurston to ascertain their views as property owners.

The CEO advised that a meeting would take place on Monday 17 December 2018 with representatives from Redhand and ANPR Solutions to explore the option of providing an ANPR camera with radar in the Town. It was noted that ANPR Solutions were to provide a presentation to Lydney Town Council and Aylburton Parish Council on Monday 14 January 2019 at 5.45 pm on their proposals, prior to the next Planning and Highway Committee meeting subject to the CEO having received prior all relevant information/costings prior. Noted.

16. MEETING DATES

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee would take place on 14 January 2019.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Chairman

Date 17 Jan 19