

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2012/12/10– 33

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 10 December 2012 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs W Osborne (Chairman), D Cooksley, D Edwards (late arrival), C Harris, V Hobman, A Preest, B Thomas

Mr D Street – Member of the public co-opted onto the Committee

Ms C Vaughan – member of the public presenting petition

Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

One member of the public

Cllr Osborne informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

1. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr D Cooksley – matters relating to Lydney Town Hall

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12 November 2012 were confirmed and signed as a true record. **Proposed by Cllr Hobman, seconded by Cllr Harris.** Unanimous.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PETITION**

Ms C Vaughan presented the Council with a petition containing in excess of 100 signatures, calling for improved public access and lighting at the rear of the new Oakdale estate. Ms Vaughan called on the Council to support resident's efforts to improve the current situation. Ms Vaughan then excused herself from the meeting.

Councillors' attention was then drawn to an e-mail which had been received from Mr Street regarding the rear entrance to the Oakdale/Federal Mogul site.

Action – CEO to forward to GCC Highways/FODDC as appropriate

5. **OPEN FORUM**

Mr W Owen, 5 Augustus Way, Lydney – questioned if the Council had given any thought to appointing a flood warden in addition to Snow Wardens. Mr Owen was informed that at the December Full Council meeting Members would be provided with an updated version of the Council's sandbag contact listing and Mr Owen was provided with a copy of said document. Discussion then took place on the possibility of the Council producing a map illustrating the directional flow of the flood water. Members were advised that a site meeting had taken place with a representatives from the Environment Agency, Forest of Dean District Council and residents at which the Town Council had requested a map be produced showing the locations of colour coded culverts, etc. Furthermore, that the



LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2012/12/10– 34

Environment Agency had been asked to provide the Council with direct contact numbers/implement a system which would enable the Council to request the opening of the sluice gates at Lydney Docks.

Cllr Edwards arrived at this point.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1631/12/FUL – Mr N Worgan, 4 Highfield Rise, Lydney
Erection of a detached domestic garage
No objection subject to neighbour notification

P1636/12/FUL – Mr & Mrs P Kiely, 95A Primrose Hill, Lydney
Erection of a two-storey rear extension
No objection subject to neighbour notification

P1558/12/FUL – Mr C Porter, Land at 1 Cross Hands, Lydney
Erection of a detached dwelling, pair of gates, construction of vehicular access and associated parking
Whilst the Council does not object to the erection of the detached dwelling, it is concerned over the proposed access arrangements leading from the public highway. Accordingly, we request that Highways be consulted regarding the proposed access arrangements and that an adequate splay is created

P1637/12/FUL – Mr C Howley, 41 Primrose Hill, Lydney
Erection of a two storey extension. (Part demolition of existing single storey rear extension)
No objection subject to neighbour notification

P1664/12/TCA – Lydney Town Council, St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Road, Lydney
Crown raise 1 Yew to provide 1m clearance from Church roof and even canopy. Remove branches from Bay Tree overkeeping boundary wall and re-balance
Noted

P1634/12/FUL – Mr & Mrs D Screen, 32 Allaston Road, Lydney
Rear single storey alterations and extension to dwelling
No objection subject to neighbours

P1626/12/FUL – Forest of Dean Ramblers, Land off B4234, Upper Forge Bridge, Lydney
Erection of a replacement footbridge across the River Lyd
No objection

P1714/12/TPO – Mr W Savage, Oak House, Windrush Gardens, Lydney
Removal of epicormic growth on trunk of oak tree to a height of 6.5m from the ground
No objection, subject to the provision of an Arboriculturalist report. If recommendation is, however, to fell the tree a replacement oak to be planted

Members were also advised that as per the Committee's instruction at the last meeting, the Council had forwarded its objection to The Planning Inspectorate in respect of the appeal relating to retrospective planning permission for the creation of a new entrance at Windsor



LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2012/12/10– 35

Drive. Members noted that the Council would be notified of the decision taken.

TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P1026/12/LD1 – 45 Lakeside Avenue, Lydney

Granted Permission – Certificate of Lawfulness for the retention of the existing hard surfacing and creation of an access.

P0689/12/FUL – Land at Stanford Road, Lydney

Granted permission – Erection of 2 dwellings

P1391/12/FUL – Lakeside House, Cambourne Place, Lydney

Granted permission – Installation of additional privacy screening to existing roof terrace and the use of the existing flat roofed access area as amenity space.

P1132/12/FUL – 58 Allaston Road, Lydney

Granted permission – Erection of a detached car port with room above.

P1115/12/FUL – 19 Almond Walk, Lydney

Granted permission – Erection of two storey rear extension incorporating kitchen and utility room on ground floor and additional bedroom and en-suite on first floor.

P1578/12/TCA – Bathurst Park, Bathurst Park Road, Lydney

Granted permission – Fell 1 Lime tree at Bathurst Park, Lydney

P1427/12/ADV – National Westminster Bank plc, 51 Newerne Street, Lydney

Granted permission – Illuminated surround to ATM machine

P0069/12/DISCON – Storage Yard, Allaston Road, Lydney

Granted permission – Discharge of condition (05) landscaping and condition (09) surface water on planning permission P2203/09/FUL

P0293/12/FUL – Land on South Side of, Naas Lane, Lydney

Granted permission – Variation of conditions 16 and 17 of planning permission P8406/03/FUL (DF. 12351), to relocate barrier and use Naas Lane for access

7. TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURES

FLY85/1 – 12 November 2012 to 12 December 2012 - Noted.

8. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Prior to the meeting Councillors were provided with copies of information which had been received from Mr P Williams, Forest of Dean District Council, regarding the Government's consultation relating to the Planning System (specifically the expansion of various permitted development rights to help stimulate the economy). It was **proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Harris**, that Members would respond to the consultation on an individual basis.

Action by – all Councillors

9. CCTV

Councillors were asked to consider relocating the CCTV camera currently outside Lydney Town Hall to Hams Road, in line with requests from the Police.



LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2012/12/10– 36

Having previously declared an interest in this matter, Cllr Cooksley sought permission to speak. Cllr Osborne granted permission for Cllr Cooksley to speak, but not vote on the matter.

Cllr Cooksley called on Councillors to retain the existing CCTV camera outside the Town Hall and spoke on the increased use of the building, as he felt the unit to be a good crime deterrent. It was noted that the CCTV camera only covered the car park at the Town Hall and the CEO advised Councillors that provision had been included in the draft budget for one additional camera only. Accordingly, a question was raised as to whether the Town Hall Trust Management Committee would either consider funding the cost of a camera, or whether they would be willing to provide a contribution towards the cost of same. Cllr Edwards stated that he would arrange for the matter to be an agenda item for the Management Committee.

Action by – Cllr Edwards

Discussion then took place on the possibility of obtaining funding from Gloucestershire Police/Gloucestershire County Council, as it was felt that the requests for additional cameras had been driven by the Police, and that the camera could be positioned in Hams Road so as to monitor the Bus Station. Responding to a question which had been raised by Cllr Edwards, the CEO advised that the CCTV images could only be reviewed by the Police, not individual establishments. Furthermore, the Police had been provided with 24 hr access to the CCTV system in the Council office in the event that they were required to review images outside of the Council's working hours. It was noted that if Lydney Town Hall Trust Management Committee were able to provide a contribution of £750.00 plus VAT it would then be possible for the Council to purchase a further camera in the new financial year. Council may also consider repositioning the existing camera at the Town Hall to a mutually acceptable position on the building.

It was agreed that the matter would be deferred until a response had been received from Lydney Town Hall Management Committee.

Action: - agenda item for January meeting

10. CAMBOURNE PLACE/FEDERAL MOGUL ENTRANCE

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of an e-mail which had been received from District Cllr J Bevan in which he highlighted difficulties residents had experienced with large lorries attempting to access the rear entrance of Federal Mogul.

Cllr Osborne reported that approximately three lorries per week were getting stuck through attempting to access Federal Mogul's rear entrance, and sometimes the vehicles were so large that they required residents to move their cars to enable the vehicles to reverse/turn around.

Consideration was given towards requesting Royal Mail to provide Federal Mogul with their own unique postcode, however, it was ultimately felt that Royal Mail would not accede to the Council's request. It was unanimously agreed that a letter would be written to Federal Mogul requesting that all dispatch notes, etc stipulate that entrance to the site is via the entrance off Lydney By-pass. Furthermore, that the Council would request that Federal Mogul fund the erection of directional signage at the Cross Hands junction and the Lydney/Aylburton roundabout for their site.

Action by – the CEO



LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2012/12/10– 37

The CEO also suggested that she contact Gloucestershire County Council to enquire as to the possibility of them siting a “No access to Federal Mogul” sign at the entrance to Hams Road. No objection was raised to the suggestion.

Action by – the CEO

11. **CULVERT MAINTENANCE/FLOODING**

Item deferred to Full Council.

12. **HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors noted the response which had been received from Gloucestershire County Council regarding the proposed repair work to the level crossing.

13. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Preest informed Members that he had received a letter from the proprietor of The Greyhound Inn whose business had been affected through the introduction of car park charging. Cllr Preest stated that on several occasions the proprietor had not been able to receive deliveries as the Dray had not been able to park due to the number of cars now parking in the area. It was unanimously agreed that the letter would be forwarded to the Forest of Dean District Council.

Action by – the CEO

Mr Street spoke on the poor lighting and the metal barrier which still was still in situ at the rear entrance of Federal Mogul/Oakdale development. It was noted that the footpath was a definitive right of way and Cllr Edwards stated that he had been informed that Kier Homes Limited were responsible for the area. Furthermore, Cllr Edwards stated that the situation would be addressed when certain trigger points had been attained.

It was **proposed by Cllr Hobman, seconded by Cllr Harris**, that delegated powers would be bestowed on the CEO and Cllrs Osborne and Hobman, to address planning applications which may require a response prior to the next meeting.

14. **MEETING DATES**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee would take place on Monday 14 January 2013 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.51 pm.

Chairman

Date ..14th January 2013