

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2019/09/09 – 12

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 9 September 2019 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: A Preest (Chairman), L Arnold, Z Arnold, J Carr, J Greenwood, W Leach, T Legge, T Tremlett and C Vaughan

Cllr R Holmes

Cllr A Harley

One member of the public

Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer – Minute Taker

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 8 July 2019 was **proposed by Cllr Legge, seconded by Cllr Z Arnold**. Unanimous.

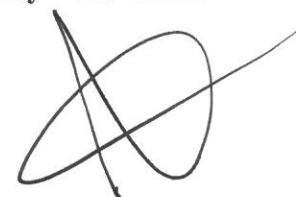
4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mrs S Holmes – Agenda Item 9 – informed Members that issues had been experienced with vehicles wishing to exit the Albert Street and Tutnalls junctions since the new housing developments commenced due to an increase in traffic. The practice of delivery vehicles parking on Newerne Street when making deliveries to premises located close to the junctions with Albert Street and Tutnalls then reduced the visibility of drivers wishing to exit said junctions. Cllr Preest advised that he had already contacted Gloucestershire County Council's Local Highway Manager regarding the issue of vehicles parking in Primrose Hill Road and awaited their response. It was unanimously agreed that an invitation would be extended to the Local Highway Manager to attend the next meeting to discuss the concerns which had been raised.

Action by – the Clerk

Cllr A Harley felt that the issues which had been raised also impacted onto the air quality levels for the Town. It was agreed that the Committee would be provided with a copy of the current Air Quality Management Report produced by Forest of Dean District Council and a copy of the original report which was produced.

Action by – the Clerk



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HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

5. TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS

Road Closure

- Temporary Road Closure – Following roads will be closed on certain Sundays between the hours of 08:00 and 17:00 HRS on a rolling programme commencing 7 October 2019. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by 31 March 2020.
 - From B4231 Church Road (its junction with High Street) to A48 Lydney By-pass (670 metres)
 - From B4231 High Street (its junction with Bream Road) to its junction with Church Road (312 metres)
 - From C381 High Street (its junction with Church Road) to its junction with Redhill Lane (214 metres)
 - From C379 Hill Street (its junction with Bream Road) to its junction with Forest Road (150 metres)
 - From C379 Newerne Street (its junction with Forest Road) to its junction with Albert Street (270 metres)
- Temporary Road Closure – Woodland Rise, from the junction of Cherry Walk to the junction of Ash Close – 13 November 2019
- Temporary Road Closure – Old Dam Road, from its junction with Allaston Road to outside The Reservoir (50 metres) – 08:00 to 17:00 HRS on 23 September 2019
- Temporary Road Closure – Following roads will be closed and restricted during various time on a rolling programme commencing 1 October 2019. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by 31 March 2020
 - From 3/24 Millend, Blakeney (its junction with A48 High Street, to its junction with 5/0046 Pleasant View (1.04 kilometres)
 - From 3/24 from junction 5/45 to junction 5/46 Etloe (its junction with 5/0046 Pleasant View), to its junction with 5/0045 Gatcombe (360 metres)
 - From 3/24 Road from junction at Gurshill Farm to Junction at Chandlers (its junction with 5/0045 Gatcombe), to its junction with 4/0050 Lensbrook (2.36 kilometres)
 - From 3/24 Road from junction with A48 to junction with Gurshill Farm (its junction with 4/0050 Lensbrook) to its junction with A48 (902 metres)

Footpath Closure/Diversion

None.

6. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- Member of the public – e-mail expressing safety concerns over the lack of a pavement along Highfield Road from Abbots Gate to the new set of traffic lights. **Cllr Preest proposed** that Forest of Dean District Council be asked why no provision had been included in planning consents for the new housing developments regarding the safeguarding of public access. Unanimous.

Action by – the Clerk
- Member of the public – e-mail advising that on 14 May 2019 they had contacted a Councillor (H Ives) regarding the condition of Centurion Road and the land opposite Claudius Way; that H Ives and Cllr Preest had taken a series of actions to resolve this issue, although at this stage it has not been resolved for the long term.

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The member of public requested that the minutes of the June meeting be corrected so as to record this work and that there was an action relating to the condition of St Mary's Square. Furthermore, that there was no mention of Church Road by Travis Perkins or the condition of Centurion Road. Cllr Preest advised that Mr Ives had advised that the land was registered to MCA West Midlands and it was **proposed by Cllr Z Arnold, seconded by Cllr Legge**, that the Clerk would find out contact details for MCA West Midlands.

Action by – the Clerk

- Member of the Public – further letter in response to the reply given by the Local Highway Manager, Gloucestershire County Council in respect of safety concerns which had been raised by the individual and advising that a site meeting would take place between the member of public and the Local Highway Manager on 14 August 2019.

Street Names

No suggestions received from Members.

7. BUS SHELTER

Cllr Preest advised that the bus shelter for Allaston Road/Court Road had been purchased and installed, the cost of which had been covered by Gloucestershire County Council, however, the Town Council would be required to cover the cost of any maintenance.

Members were also advised that the Bream Road Bus Shelter had been vandalised during the evening of Sunday 8 September 2019 and quotations were being obtained by the Executive Officer for its repair.

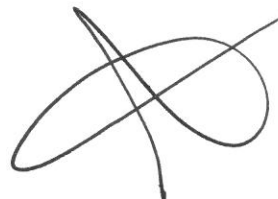
8. NEWERNE STREET CAR PARK

Cllr Tremlett reminded Members of the procedure which had been adopted by the Police to ensure that Forest of Dean District Council were informed of any reported “non-Police” incidents relating to the car park and advised that she had requested that an Officer at Forest of Dean District Council confirm that the “alert flag” remained in effect.

Members were advised that there had been four days for which CCTV for the site had been requested to be reviewed by the Police and that two S59 Warnings had been issued due to evidence.

Cllr Vaughan reported that a bin which had been sited by a bench in Watermead now resided in the watercourse.

Cllr Preest felt that questions should be asked of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Surl when he attended the October Full Council meeting regarding resourcing provision for local Police Officers; also reports of speeding cars around the town during the early hours, etc. Cllr Tremlett reminded Members that they needed to submit their questions for PCC Surl to the office by the end of the week.



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9. **PRIMROSE HILL ROAD**

Cllr Preest advised that a response was awaited from Gloucestershire County Council's Local Highway Manager regarding the issue of numerous parked cars on the highway which restricted the carriageway between Holy Trinity Church and Albert Street. It was felt that the issue was compounded due to the number of vehicles which were using the road and also the speed at which vehicles were travelling. Cllr Vaughan voiced concern over vehicles speeding alongside Primrose Hill Mesne and questioned if it would be possible for speed bumps to be installed.

Action by – the Clerk

PLANNING ISSUES

10. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

IT/DFTPO246 - Land at The Croft, Lydney

Tree Preservation Order, 2019 – Notification from Forest of Dean District Council that the Order was confirmed by said Authority as an unopposed Order without modification on 23 August 2019. Noted.

11. **BT CONSULTATION**

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the consultation paperwork which had been received regarding the proposed removal of the telephone boxes located in Ridler Road and at the junction of Templeway West. It was **proposed by Cllr Legge, seconded by Cllr Carr**, that the Council would not object to the proposed removal of the Ridler Road telephone box, however, it would strongly object to the proposed removal of the telephone box at the junction of Templeway West as it was felt that it met all BT's "reasonable needs" criteria. Furthermore, that the Council would request to be informed if either of the proposed removals were red "heritage" telephone boxes as it may consider their adoption. Unanimous.

Action by – the Clerk

12. **RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL**

It was **proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Carr**, that the Committee would submit a recommendation to Full Council that the Executive Officer would submit the Committee's responses to Planning/Licensing Applications to the Local Planning Authority until such time as a Locum Clerk/new Town Clerk was appointed. Unanimous.

Action by – Cllr Preest

13. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P1250/19/FUL – Mr & Mrs T Hook, 7 Kimberley Drive, Lydney

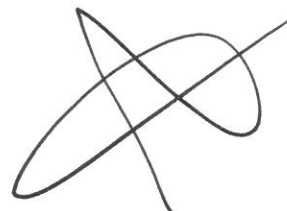
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension

No objection

P1230/19/FUL – The Dean Academy, Church Road, Lydney

Engineering operations to widen existing vehicular access

No objection



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P1308/19/FUL – Wishcare Properties Limited, 1 – 6 Cavendish Buildings, Hill Street, Lydney

Replacement of existing steel prefabricated windows to uPVC windows and associated works

No objection

P1260/19/FUL – Mr G Pomeroy, 56 Bracken Close, Lydney

Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement porch. Demolition of existing porch.

No objection

P1337/19/FUL – Robert Hitchins Limited, Land Between Rodley Manor Way and Naas Lane, Lydney

Construction of a storm sewer and attenuation pond

No objection

14. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P0817/19/FUL – 30 Spring Meadow Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Proposed dropped kerb and associated works (Part-retrospective)

P1244/19/EIA – Lydney Park Boulevard, Lydney

EIA Not Required – Request for EIA screening opinion – proposed mixed use retail development.

P0938/19/FUL – Woodlands, Bream Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary works (Revised Scheme)

P0644/19/FUL – Cliff Farm, Naas Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Sub-division of existing dwelling to form two dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and works.

15. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- Forest of Dean District Council – E-mail from Ms A Welsh, Local Plans Officer, advising of the review of the Local Plan; that consultation on the “Issues and Options” document would commence on 17 September 2019 and end on 31 October 2019; that drop in sessions would be held for the public on 25 September 2019 (5.00 pm – 8.00 pm at the Council Chamber, Coleford) and 3 October 2019 (5.00 pm to 8.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newent); offering the ability for a member of the Local Plans Team to visit the Town Council to discuss the process. Cllr Preest requested that an invitation be extended to Local Plans Officers to attend a future Committee meeting.

Action by – the Clerk

Cllr Preest also spoke on the need for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to be implemented by Forest of Dean District Council and offered to arrange a meeting between Lydney Town Councillors and Officers from Gloucestershire County Council to explain the requirements for CIL. Cllr Preest agreed to extend an invitation to Members from other Parish and Town Council’s to attend a meeting.

Action by- Cllr Preest

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- Forest of Dean District Council – Copy of the Decision relating to Appeal Ref: APP/P1615/W/19/3231374 made by Mrs Harrison against the refusal by Forest of Dean District Council to grant outline consent for the erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling involving demolition of existing garages. Erection of a new detached garage and new vehicular access for 91 Primrose Hill.
- Lidl Great Britain Limited – Letter from Sarah Rees-Davies, Senior Consultant – Acquisitions, providing an update on the organisation’s development in Coleford; that positive pre-application discussions had taken place with Forest of Dean District Council’s Planning Department; that the organisation were looking to consult with Lydney Town Council regarding plans to open a store in Newerne Street/Hams Road. Cllr Preest requested that an invitation to meet with Councillors be extended to Lidl.

Action by – the Clerk

16. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Vaughan expressed concern over the lack of a loading bay outside The Greyhound. Cllr Preest advised that a traffic regulation would be required to provide such.

Cllr L Arnold expressed concern over tree roots which were pushing up a tarmac public footpath which ran opposite Lydney Tennis Club to the lake and requested that Members be provided with an update.

Action by – the Clerk

17. MEETING DATES

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

The meeting closed at 6.59 pm.

Chairman

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