

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2020/03/09 – 44

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 9 March 2020 at 6.00 pm.

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

Cllr S Holmes

Mr R Balgobin – Locum Town Clerk

Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Clerk – Minute Taker

Cllr Preest welcomed Mr Balgobin to the meeting and 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**

None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 10 February 2020 was **proposed by Cllr L Arnold, seconded by Cllr Stockham.**
Unanimous.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

None.

HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

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

Road Closure

Temporary Road Closure – Driffield Road from outside Hunters Lode to outside Driffield Farm – from 11 May 2020 to 13 May 2020.

Footpath Closure/Diversion

Temporary Footpath Closure FLY87 from its junction with A48 Lydney Bypass North at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SO 64668/03695 extending in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 200 metres to the Footbridge at OSGR SO 64485/03632 – from 2 March 2020 until 1 September 2020.

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6. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- Resident request for free parking in Newerne Street Overflow Car Park during period of gas main replacement in Forest Road. It was agreed that the Committee would approach Forest of Dean District Council to request such provision.

Action by – the Clerk

Cllr Z Arnold arrived at this point.

- Request by District Councillor Bevan that the Committee ascertain from Forest of Dean District Council if any action could be taken to request wheel washing facilities be used at housing developments on Highfield Hill to limit mud/dust being deposited on the highway. It was agreed that the Committee would approach the Planning Department at Forest of Dean District Council. Furthermore, that it would request its Groundstaff use their best endeavours to remove the dust which had accumulated on the bus shelter.

Action by – the Clerk

7. STREET NAMES

The Assistant Clerk advised Members that the families of those loved ones whose names had been proposed at the last meeting had all been contacted and had verbally given their consent. It was noted that the Assistant Clerk had requested that each of the families confirm their consent in writing.

Prior to the meeting Members had been provided with a list of road name suggestions which had been submitted by Cllr Carr. It was agreed unanimously that the names shown below would be accepted and Cllr Preest asked that the Committee's thanks be conveyed to Cllr Carr.

- Wild Flowers: Buttercup, Daisy, Campion, Orchid, Bryony, Dandelion, Teasel, Harebell, Speedwell, Clover, Bugle, Cleavers, Corncockle, Foxglove, Periwinkle, Forget-Me-Not
- Bulbs: Daffodil, Bluebell, Snowdrop, Crocus, Fritillary, Ramson, Saffron
- Herbs: Thyme, Tansy, Sage, Rosemary, Parsley, Bay, Comfrey, Mint, Oregano, Marjoram
- Garden Birds: Robin, Sparrow, Blue Tit, Coal Tit, Black Bird, Thrush, Nuthatch, Chaffinch, Woodpecker

Cllr Preest requested that the item remain on the Agenda to enable Members to continue to submit suggestions for road names.

Action by – the Clerk

8. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)

Cllr Preest reminded Members that he had offered to part fund the purchase of another VAS through his County Council funding pot, however, the Assistant Clerk reminded Members that they had only allowed £1,200 in their 2020/21 budget for general expenditure and queried how Members would fund such a purchase. Furthermore, the Assistant Clerk advised that both the batteries had failed on the existing VAS by Bathurst Pool for which replacements would need to be purchased.

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Cllr Stockham felt that it may be possible for the Council to loan hand held speed guns in order that Members could undertake a speed survey.

After a short discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Preest** that the Clerk would ascertain the following:-

- A firm cost for providing a new VAS for Primrose Hill
- The cost of utilising speed strips on Primrose Hill for the purpose of obtaining speed data
- The possibility of the Council loaning hand held speed guns via the Road Safety Partnership

Action by – the Clerk

Cllr Preest also requested that the Clerk contact the Police to ascertain if they had conducted speed monitoring in the Parish and extend an invitation to the Local Area Highway Manager to attend the April meeting.

Action by – the Clerk

PLANNING ISSUES

9. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

None.

10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P1889/15/OUT – Holms Farm, Holms Farm Estate, Lydney

A hybrid planning application comprising the creation of 29 new dwellings, restoration of farmhouse, landscaping, open space and associated works to include:

- i) Full application for the conversion of barn to create 1 dwelling and the restoration of farmhouse; and,
- ii) Outline application with some matters reserved for 28 new dwellings and associated works.

Revised plans received

Objection. Lydney Town Council maintains its previous objections to the application concerning Flood and Foul drainage; swales/basins; Public Rights of Way modification etc, full details of which have already been submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

Lydney Town Council wishes to draw the Local Planning Authority's attention to the amount of water run off which was evidenced during the last site inspection by its Planning Committee Members. We would also remind the Local Planning Authority of the situation which was recently faced by residents of Lakeside when the developer "stripped off" the land prior to development commencing without any consideration being given as to how water run off would be contained on site which resulted in run-off from the site entering adjacent residential dwellings. If the application is approved by the Committee, Lydney Town Council insist that the Local Planning Authority ensure that suitable conditions are implemented in order that this situation does not occur for neighbouring residents of the Holms Farm site and that Planning Officers liaise with Forest of Dean District Council's Flood Risk Engineer/Lead Shared Flood Risk Management Engineer accordingly.

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P0229/20/FUL – Lydney Coastal Community Team, Lydney Development Site, Harbour Road, Lydney

Variation of Condition 03 (temporary occupation period) of planning permission P1648/17/FUL to read “The temporary café should be removed five years form the date of “installation”.

Noted

P0021/20/DISCON – Mr R Johnson, Land at, The Croft, Allaston Road, Lydney
Discharge of Conditions 03 (surface water drainage scheme), 07 (buffer zone), 08 (external lighting), 09 (landscaping), 10 (cycling storage), 12 (fire hydrants) and 13 (electric vehicle charging) of planning permission P1655/18/OUT

Noted

P0244/20/FUL - Mr & Mrs C Blackwell, Minerva Walk, Lydney

Conversion of a garage to craft room and raising garage roof to provide accommodation above.

No objection

P0236/20/APP – Mr R Johnson, Land at, The Croft, Allaston Road, Lydney

Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline permission P1655/18/OUT for the erection of four dwellings

Noted

11. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P1968/19/FUL – 20 Oxford Street, Lydney

Granted Permission – Rear two storey extension and loft conversion with internal alterations and associated works.

P1959/19/FUL – Hill Farm Lensbrook, Lydney

Granted Permission – Installation of 500kw biomass boiler in an agricultural building and installation of associated flue. (retrospective)

P0114/19/DISCON – Land East of Par Four Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of conditions 02 (landscaping), 06 (hard landscaping), 07 (Tree Protection) and 09 (Landscaping Management) of planning permission P1399/18/FUL

P0113/19/DISCON – Land East of Par Four Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of conditions 19 (road infrastructure), 21 (CMS:iv details of storage of plant and materials only), 23 (bus shelter) and 26 (SUDS) relating to planning permission P1399/18/FUL (revised description)

12. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- Forest of Dean District Council: Response submitted to BT (final notification) regarding telephone boxes. Noted.
- BT: Letter seeking clarification regarding the possible adoption of a telephone box on the Industrial Estate, Harbour Road. It was **proposed by Cllr L Arnold, seconded by Cllr Z Arnold**, that the Council no longer wished to consider the adoption of the telephone box.

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- Gloucestershire County Council: Providing a copy of the response submitted by the Public Rights of Way Officer concerning P0112/18/DISCON in conjunction with P1591/18/APP. Noted.

13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Greenwood advised Members that progress had been made on the Parkend to Lydney Multi Use Track since Greenways and Cycle Routes Limited had become involved in the project. Cllr Greenwood spoke highly of the route which had been identified and gave a commitment to speak further on the project at the following Full Council meeting. In view of the new route Cllr Greenwood questioned the possibility of extending the current 20 mph zone further along Forest Road; Cllr Leach spoke in favour of extending the 20 mph zone to each of the entrances. During discussion Cllr Preest gave a commitment to obtain a number of dates when representatives from the Multi Use Track project could update senior management at Gloucestershire County Council on the new multi use route and the possibility of extending the current 20 mph zone.

Cllr Greenwood requested an agenda item for the next Planning & Highway Committee meeting relating to the possible extension of the 20 mph zone in order that Members could receive an update. Cllr Preest also requested that the Multi Use Track be an agenda item.

Action by – the Clerk

Cllr Greenwood highlighted that the road surface to Purton was now so poor he felt it could only be traversed in a 4 x 4 vehicle.

Cllr Stockham spoke in favour of extending the 20 mph zone throughout the whole of the Town.

Cllr L Arnold requested that the Council write to local landowners/residential properties to ascertain if they owned the footbridge which spanned from Station Road to Railway Cottages as he felt that it caused an obstruction to the waterflow in times of flood. Cllr Preest expressed thanks to Cllr L Arnold for his efforts during the recent floods.

Cllr Preest called for a “dry run” exercise to be conducted on the Town’s Flood and Emergency Plan.

14. MEETING DATES

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee would take place on 14 April 2020.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Chairman

Date