

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2019/06/10 – 01

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 10 June 2019 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: A Preest (Chairman), L Arnold (late arrival), Z Arnold, J Greenwood, C Harris and B Pearman

Cllr J Carr

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 Ives, Legg, Tremlett and Vaughan.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A copy of the minutes of the “approved” Planning Committee Meeting Minutes in respect of the meeting held on 8 April 2019 (End of Term of Office) had been circulated to all newly elected Members for information only

Notes from the Delegated Powers meetings held on 30 April 2019 (Appendix A) were duly noted.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

None.

HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

5. **SIGNAGE**

None.

6. **TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS**
Road Closure

None.

Footpath Closure/Diversion

None.

7. **HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

Street Names

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of an e-mail which had been received from Cllr Leach in which he suggested that the Committee may wish to

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consider utilising groups of names from the following:

- A Town or District that Lydney may have an association with
- Well known forest landmarks
- A group of streets named after landmarks in another city to create a region (e.g. Tower Bridge, Parliament Street, Trafalgar Square, Baker Street)
- As previous, but utilising international cities/towns
- Utilising a group of names of fictional characters e.g. TV detectives

Cllr Preest felt the Committee would note the above suggestions at this stage and requested the CEO convey the Committee's thanks to Cllr Leach.

Action by- the CEO

8. BUS SHELTER

Cllr Preest advised that he had been informed by Gloucestershire County Council's Local Highway Manager that engineers would attend site on 6 June 2019 to install the base for the shelter, with the shelter then installed W/C 24 June 2019.

Cllr L Arnold arrived at this point.

Cllr Harris gave a commitment to check that the base had been installed and contact Cllr Preest if this was not the case.

Action by – Cllr Harris

9. NEWERNE STREET CAR PARK

The CEO reminded Members that they had been forwarded a copy of an e-mail which had been received from the Community Engagement Manager at Forest of Dean District Council regarding the Newerne Street Car Park and the protocol which would now be followed by Police and Forest of District Council. It was noted that the Police would now "red flag" the Car Park in order that any reported issues were fed back to the Local Policing Team, irrespective of whether the issue was considered to be a Police matter. Local Police would then feed such information to the relevant department at Forest of Dean District Council for action and it was stressed that Forest of Dean District Council would only download imagery following a request from the Police and that such would need to be made within 14 days of an incident occurring.

Members expressed disappointment that it had taken a substantial amount of time to arrive at the current protocol. It was **proposed by Cllr Pearman, seconded by Cllr Harris** that the CEO would contact Forest of Dean District Council to ascertain if they would be willing to hold a further meeting between their Officers, Police Officers, Lydney Town Council representatives and the member of public who had previously raised issues with the Police regarding the car park. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

PLANNING ISSUES

10. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Cllr Preest advised that the Council had been contacted by a resident who had expressed concern over a number of very large poplar trees located adjacent to the new bus link road in Cambourne Place which connected to the Oakdale development. Members were

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informed that the trees lay outside of land within the ownership of Lydney Recreation Trust. Cllr Preest gave a commitment to establish the ownership of the land on which the trees were growing at his forthcoming meeting with Gloucestershire County Council and provide Members with an update at the next Committee meeting.

Action by – Cllr Preest

Cllr Pearman advised that issues were being experienced with a number of trees located to the rear of 6 Bracken Close which had caused issues for residents for a number of years. During discussion Members felt that whilst the property where the trees were sited was in the ownership of Two Rivers Housing, there was an issue surrounding the ability to gain access to the trees.

Cllr Arnold reported an issue with an overgrown hedge which was encroaching on to the pavement on the left-hand side when entering St Mary's Square. The CEO was requested to raise the matter with the local representative for Two Rivers Housing.

Action by – the CEO

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0690/19/OUT – Messrs K & A Baber, School House, Naas Lane, Lydney
Outline application for the erection of seven private affordable market dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and works. Construction of new vehicular access. Demolition of existing dwelling.

Objection. Lydney Town Council have concerns over the effect the proposed development would have on the highway, particularly due to the proximity of the development to Severnbanks Primary School and the junction with Meadow View. Our Council is also concerned that the limited off-road parking proposed would have an adverse effect on surrounding roads which are already under strain during student drop off/collection times for Severnbanks Primary School.

P0688/19/OUT – Pine End Works & Land to the North, Harbour Road, Lydney
A hybrid planning application comprising of all existing structures and their demolition and mixed development and associated infrastructure and works comprising of fish processing building (20,885m² B2 use), Building consisting of an eel farm (8,000m² of B2 use), plus 1,300m² restaurant/café (A3 use) and 700m² visitor centre. (D1 use) Energy centre (800m² B2 use), storage building (500m² ancillary to B2 use) Amenity building for HGV drivers (150m² ancillary to B2 use) Generator building/substation (500m² ancillary to B2 use), staff accommodation consisting of 3 No. 3 bed dwelling houses, 8 No. 1 bed apartments, 4 No. 2 bed apartments and 18 shared units of accommodation for seasonal staff. New pedestrian, cycle and vehicular accesses onto Harbour Road and a network of internal routes. 2 No. water treatment lagoons, parking areas for visitors, staff and HGVs. Landscaping and planting and associated development and works. Utilities infrastructure including water supply, foul and surface water sewers, electrical supply (including substations), telecommunications equipment, on site renewable energy and associated works. Outline application (all matters reserved other than scale) for the erection of a building containing up to 2,500m² of A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 uses.

No objection, subject to the provision of suitable screening to reduce any visual impact to Naas House; no expansion of the footprint into open countryside; full consideration being given to the concerns which have been raised by residents and already notified to the Local Planning Authority.

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P0742/19/ADV – Coventry Building Society, 57 Newerne Street, Lydney
Advertisement consent for 1no. external illuminated fascia sign and a double sided projecting sign

No objection

P0856/19/FUL – Mr & Mrs N Bailey, 4 Greenways, Lydney
Proposed garage conversion to habitable use and first floor extension

No objection

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

P0473/19/FUL – 15 Berkeley Crescent, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of single storey rear extension with associated works

P0539/19/FUL – 45 Lakeside Avenue, Lydney

Granted Permission – Erection of a single storey front extension and a single storey rear extension with associated works

P0555/19/TE – Forest of Dean Railway Car Park, Forest Road, Lydney

Prior Approval Not Required – Prior notification for the proposed installation of a 15m telecommunication pole with 2 No. associated cabinets.

13. **OAKDALE**

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the e-mail which had been received from Forest of Dean District Council which explained that the provision for a footpath onto Lakeside Avenue had always been included in the plans for the Oakdale site.

Members formally noted the contents of the e-mail.

14. **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

15. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Arnold reported that the traffic lights in Tutnalls were regularly stuck on red and Cllr Preest gave a commitment to speak to Gloucestershire County Council's Local Highway Manager concerning the issue.

Action by – Cllr Preest

Cllr Harris advised that she had received numerous compliments regarding the stunning floral displays situated throughout the Tow which had been created by Groundstaff.

Cllr Preest advised that he would shortly attend a meeting with the Strategic Director of Gloucestershire County Council during which S106 contributions and the Community Infra Structure Levy (CIL) would be discussed. Cllr Preest advised that he intended to put forward a Motion at the July Full Council meeting at Forest of Dean District Council to request that said Authority pursue the implementation of CIL in the Forest of Dean. Furthermore, Cllr Preest advised that he was closely monitoring the suggested expansion of Lydney Railway Station/the local services currently provided by Stagecoach and he welcomed suggestions from his fellow Councillors regarding matters.

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15. **MEETING DATES**

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee would take place on 8 July 2019.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Chairman

Naughton

Date

8/7/19