

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2019/12/09 – 29

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 9 December 2019 at 6.04 pm.

PRESENT: L Arnold (Chairman), Z Arnold (late arrival), J Greenwood and W Leach

Cllr R Holmes

Mr D Kent

Mr A Maliphant – Town Clerk

Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Clerk – Minute Taker

1. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Cllr Leach proposed Cllr L Arnold for the position. **Seconded by Cllr J Greenwood.** There being no other nominations the proposal was put to a vote. Unanimous.

Due to the absence of Cllr Preest, Cllr L Arnold chaired the meeting from this point. Cllr L Arnold informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Legge and Preest.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Greenwood – Agenda item 11 (P1576/19/FUL – Severn Bridge Cottage, Etloe, Blakeney)

Cllr W Leach – Agenda Item 11 (P1879/19/FUL – 71 Templeway West, Lydney)

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 11 November 2019 was **proposed by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Leach.** Unanimous.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

Cllr R Holmes – Questioned if any action had been taken regarding writing to businesses in the vicinity of the Newerne Street/Albert Street junction to request that they ensure that any deliveries are made to the rear of their premises in order to minimise any disruption to the traffic flow. The Clerk confirmed that whilst contact had been made with the Local Highway Manager for Gloucestershire County Council regarding the issue, no contact had yet been made with local businesses and he gave a commitment to progress the matter.

Action by – the Clerk

HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS

Road Closure

- None.

Footpath Closure/Diversion

Extension of Emergency Footpath Closure FLY36 – closure will now last until 7 June 2020 or until the works have been completed.

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7. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- Personalised Travel Planning initiative – Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the document for their perusal. During discussion it was suggested that the organisation may be willing to give a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting, however, it was felt that Members would need to initially meet with an Officer from the organisation. It was agreed that an invitation would be extended to attend the January meeting.

Action by – the Clerk

Cllr Z Arnold arrived at this point.

- Letter re A48 safety – Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of a letter which had been received from a member of the public suggesting a number of highway improvements which could be made to the A48 and the A40 at Over. Members requested that the letter be referred to Gloucestershire County Council who were responsible for the public highway.

Action by – the Clerk

Street Names

Members were asked to re-consider the suggestion by Cllr Leach which had been noted at the June Committee meeting, namely that the Committee may wish to 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
- ❖ As previous, but utilising international cities/towns
- ❖ Utilising a group of names of fictional characters e.g. TV detectives

During discussion it was suggested that an approach could be made to Brehal (the French town twinned with Lydney) to ascertain if they would like to suggest any names. Members also felt that a post could be placed on the Town Council's Facebook page inviting suggestions from members of the public. Cllr L Arnold suggested that the Council may also wish to consider utilising the names of Councillors who had served the Council but had sadly passed away in recent years.

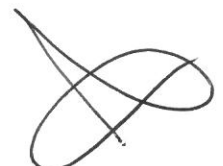
Action by – the Clerk

PLANNING ISSUES

8. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of a breakdown of S106 agreement contributions and trigger points which related to Lydney for their information. The Clerk advised that the list covered the period to September and gave a commitment to contact Forest of Dean District Council to request the list be updated to reflect November's figures. Mr D Kent recommended that contact be made with Mr Stephen Colegate, the Planning Officer monitoring S106 agreements.

Action by – the Clerk



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9. BT TELEPHONE KIOSKS

Members were provided with copies of the proposal from BT to remove three kiosks in Lydney, together with the ability to adopt any red “heritage” telephone boxes which the proposal may be seeking to remove for the sum of £1.00.

During discussion Members spoke in support of retaining the kiosk at the Co-op and the railway station as they noted the high value and regular use of these facilities. However, Members felt that the kiosk at the railway station could benefit from attention to increase its visibility (e.g. cutting back the surrounding vegetation, etc).

It was **proposed by Cllr Z Arnold, seconded by Cllr L Arnold**, that the Committee would object to the proposed removal of the telephone kiosks at the Co-Op and the railway station and would register an interest in adopting the kiosk at Lydney Industrial Estate, Harbour Road. Unanimous.

Action by – the Clerk

10. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

None.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1576/19/FUL – Severn Bridge Cottage, Etloe, Blakeney

Erection of a two storey rear extension and conversion of first floor loft store to provide additional bedroom including the installation of x2 dormers. Demolition of conservatory **REVISED PLANS**

No objection

P1738/19/FUL – The Midcounties Co-operative, Cross Hands Garage, Cross Hands, Lydney

Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission P0724/18/FUL to allow for addition of refrigeration plant and automatic sliding doors

No objection

P1839/19/PC3PA – Mr T Davies, Unit 2 & 3, 71 Newerne Street, Lydney

Prior approval for the change of use from retail (A1) to a café falling within (A3)

No objection

P0113/19/DISCON – Persimmon Homes (East Wales), Land East of Par Four Lane, Lydney

Discharge of conditions 19 (road infrastructure), 21 (CMS), 23 (Bus Shelter) and 26 (SUDS) relating to planning permission P1399/18/FUL

No objection, but Lydney Town Council request that the opinion of the Lead Local Flood Officer be sought regarding the arrangements the applicant has proposed to discharge Condition 26 (SUDS)

P1879/19/FUL – Mr & Mrs J Marshall, 71 Templeway West, Lydney

Erection of a front porch

No objection



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12. **TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC**
P1449/19/FUL – Unit 160 Lydney Industrial Estate, Harbour Road, Lydney
Granted Permission – Sub-division of existing industrial unit into two separate industrial units.
- P1337/19/FUL – Land Between Rodley Manor Way and Naas Lane, Lydney
Granted Permission - Construction of a storm sewer and attenuation pond.
- P1725/19/NONMAT – Land Between Lydney Bypass and Highfield Road, Highfield Road, Lydney
Granted Permission – Non-Material amendment to planning permission P0361/15/OUT to allow for amendments to condition 24 (Revised description)
- P1625/19/FUL – Land East of Par Four Lane, Lydney
Withdrawal of Application – Variation of condition 30 (Construction environmental management plan) of planning application P1399/18/FUL to allow for the construction method statement to be superseded by updated version dated October 2019
13. **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**
None.
14. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
Cllr Leach advised that whilst action had been taken by Gloucestershire County Council to address a noisy manhole cover in Bream Road, he felt that motorists were now taking greater evasive action as they felt that the manhole cover was sinking as it had only been partially covered in tarmac. Cllr Leach requested that the issue be reported to Gloucestershire County Council and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Action by – the Clerk**
- Cllr Greenwood requested that Members receive an update on the Lydney Cycleway. Whilst he noted that both positive and negative comments had been received, Cllr Greenwood felt that the disruption which had been caused was the main cause of irritation for members of the public. During discussion concern was voiced over the narrowing of the carriageway in Hams Road; reports that buses had struck cars when attempting to access the Bus Station; the poor condition that pavements had been left in which Members believed posed a safety issue for elderly/vulnerable members of the public. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Public Liaison Officer for Griffiths, the contractor engaged by Gloucestershire County Council to implement the scheme, to relay the Committee's concerns and seek an update on the scheme.
- Action by – the Clerk**
15. **2020-21 DRAFT BUDGET**
Members were provided with a copy of the draft budget for 2020-21. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that the proposed budget had reduced as it did not include any provision for additional CCTV for the Town as no new equipment had been purchased in 2019. It was suggested that any unspent sum in this budgetary heading could be allocated to Earmarked Reserves at the end of the financial year in case additional equipment was required in the future.

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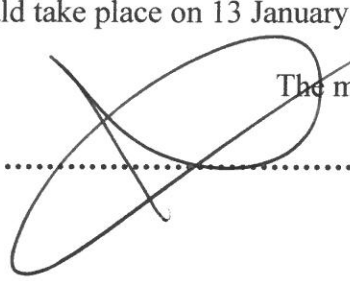
After taking an opportunity to peruse the draft budget it was **proposed by Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr L Arnold**, that the Committee would approve a budget for 2020-21 of £5,450.00. Unanimous.

16. **MEETING DATES**

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee would take place on 13 January 2020.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Chairman



Date

