

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2015/12/07 – 26

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 7 December 2015 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs A Preest (Chairman), R Christodoulides, J Greenwood, B Pearman
D Pugh, D Street and C Vaughan (late arrival)

One member of the public
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 Cllr Berryman.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highway Committee meeting held on 9 November 2015 was **proposed by Cllr Pugh, seconded by Cllr Street.** Unanimous.
4. **OPEN FORUM**
None.

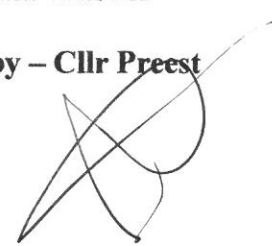
HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

5. **SIGNAGE**
County Cllr Preest reported that he had been informed by Mr B Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council that the original Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Highfield Road had been funded by a Developer. Accordingly, Mr Watkins would need to discuss with Development Control if it would be possible to relocate the sign and he suggested that consideration be given towards securing additional funding to provide a new VAS for Bream Road. Cllr Street spoke in favour of retaining the VAS at Highfield Road and purchasing a new VAS for Bream Road. Furthermore, Cllr Street requested that Gloucestershire County Council review the speed signage in Bream Road as he believed it to be confusing for motorists.

During discussion it was felt that the signage which had been erected relating to the J D Norman development at the entrances to the Town was proving to be beneficial in reducing the amount of HGV's attempting to access the site via Tutnalls Street.

Responding to a question raised by Cllr Christodoulides concerning the gritting of Maggies Hill, County Cllr Preest gave a commitment to raise the issue again with Mr Watkins.

Action by – Cllr Preest



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6. **ROUNABOUT SPONSORSHIP (RE. LYDNEY IN BLOOM)**

The CEO advised that a meeting had been arranged for 22 January 2016 between representatives of Gloucestershire County Council, Lydney Town Council and the potential sponsor in order to discuss/approve proposed designs for the roundabouts. Noted.

7. **GRIT BINS**

Members noted that two temporary grit bins had been located at Oakdale and that 300 bags of salt had now been received from Gloucestershire County Council to cover the 2015/2016 Winter period.

Cllr Pearman thanked the Executive Officer for her work to obtain an increased quantity of bagged salt from that originally received.

8. **JUNCTION ISSUES**

Members noted that Gloucestershire County Council had informed Cllr Preest that the issue relating to flooding at The Willow's junction now lay with Forest of Dean District Council to resolve through Enforcement. **Cllr Preest proposed** that he would personally e-mail Officers at said Authority in order to obtain an update on the matter, which he would circulate to Members.

Action by –Cllr Preest

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

Full road closure from junction with Highfield Land to outside Driffield Farm for a period of 300m from 9-12 February 2016.

10. **HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

PLANNING ISSUES

11. **OAKDALE**

Cllr Preest advised that Cllr Vaughan had chaired the most recent Oakdale Stakeholder meeting, however, non-attendance by key Stakeholder representatives had forced the meeting to be cancelled.

Cllr Vaughan reported that, despite her attempts to resolve the situation, a number of streetlights on the Oakdale development remained non-operational. It was noted that the streetlights had not been adopted by Gloucestershire County Council and therefore remained under the control of the Developer and their agents. Furthermore, Cllr Vaughan expressed her frustration that despite liaising with Base Estates and Keir Homes, no progress had been made on the matter. Cllr Vaughan also reported that problems were being experienced with fly tipping on the development.

Cllr Preest advised that he had raised the cumulative problems which had been experienced on the development with District Cllr Molyneux, Leader, Forest of Dean District Council and had extended an invitation to District Cllr Molyneux and his fellow District Councillors to attend a meeting at the development to view first-hand the current issues. Cllr Preest gave a commitment to his fellow Councillors to let them know the date and time of the meeting.

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Cllr Preest advised that comments had also been made on social media by a member of the public on which Police advice was being sought. The CEO clarified that Oakdale Stakeholder Meetings were not public meetings of the Council; that the Council was not responsible for the meetings; that due to a comment on social media it had been necessary to post an explanation on the Town Council's Facebook page to clarify the issue.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1656/15/FUL – Mr A Jenkins, Land Adjoining, 56 Primrose Hill, Lydney
Erection of a 3 bed detached dwelling

No objection subject to sufficient vehicular parking being provided within the residential curtilage to ensure that no vehicles are parked on the highway

P1700/15/FUL – Lydney Golf Club, Naas Lane, Lydney
Retrospective application for the retention of changing rooms and toilets
Noted

P1679/15/COU – European Plasma Technology Ltd, The Shop (Unit 6), Old Farmer Stores, Church Road, Lydney
Change of use from existing carpet retailer to a coffee shop
No objection

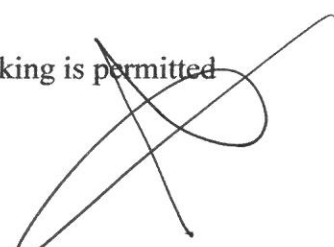
P1713/15/FUL – Mr P Deighton, Purlieu Farm, The Purlieu, Blakeney
Construction of a steel framed animal shelter
No objection, subject to consultation with Gloucestershire County Council Public Rights of Way as we believe the application may affect FLY73, together with a condition being included that the building must only be used for agricultural purposes

P0107/15/DISCON – 27 Grove Road, Lydney
Discharge of condition (03) – Materials relating to planning permission P0853/15/FUL for a replacement dwelling
Noted

P1544/15/FUL – Primrose Hill C of E Primary School, School Crescent, Lydney
Single storey extensions to existing classrooms
No objection

P0113/15/DISCON – Mr D Offord, Plot 8, The Coach House, Land adjoining Raglan House, Stanford Road, Lydney
Discharge of conditions (a) (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of planning permission DF6551/E for the erection of seven detached dwellings and discharge of conditions (a) and (b) of planning permission DF6551/F for the erection of a dwelling
Noted

P1778/15/LD1 – Mr W Howell, 8 Bream Road, Lydney
Application under Section 191 to determine whether constructed decking is permitted development
Noted



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P1726/15/FUL – Messrs M Rapson & M Kilpatrick, Land at Highbury House, Bream Road, Lydney

Proposed erection of a dwelling and associated works.

Considered in connection with P1735/15/LBC – No objection, subject to consultation with Highways regarding vehicle access

P1735/15/LBC – Messrs M Rapson & M Kilpatrick, Land at Highbury House, Bream Road, Lydney

Listed Building Consent for associated works to a curtilage listed wall for the erection of a dwelling.

Considered in connection with P1726/15/FUL – No objection, subject to consultation with Highways regarding vehicle access

13. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P1205/15/FUL – 19 Highfield Road, Lydney

Granted permission – Creation of off-road parking, dropped kerb and removal of front walls.

P1407/15/FUL – Lydney Golf Club, Naas Lane, Lydney

Granted Permission – Removal of Condition (02) of planning permission DF12351 to allow permanent retention of the Clubhouse building.

P1524/15/FUL – 78 Lakeside Avenue, Lydney

Granted permission – Single storey rear extension to form sun lounge.

P1464/15/FUL – 62 Tutnalls Street, Lydney

Granted Permission - Single storey extension to rear and removal of existing single storey extension.

14. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

15. DELEGATED POWERS

It was **proposed by Cllr Preest** that Delegated Powers would be bestowed on the CEO and two Councillors to address any matters relating to Planning and Highways for which a response was required prior to the next meeting. Unanimous.

16. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Preest reported that a cross-party Working Group had been formed at Forest of Dean District Council to look into all areas of Planning Development. The first Working Group meeting had taken place and Cllr Preest advised that he had been appointed to the position of Vice Chairman of the Group. It was noted that a wide range of interested parties would be invited to submit their comments on the work of Planning Development over the last two years, including Parish and Town Councils. Responding to a question raised by Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Preest gave a commitment to update his fellow Councillors on Working Party meetings and stated that he would ask the CEO to circulate the Agenda and Remit of the Forest of Dean District Council Working Group.

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Cllr Preest expressed concern that he had been advised by Gloucestershire County Council that the planned improvements to Bream Road junction would be funded in the 2018-2019 financial year due to the funding allocation by the Local Enterprise Partnership. Cllr Preest advised that he had voiced his dissatisfaction to the Leader of Gloucestershire County Council and had requested an explanation.

Cllr Preest advised that the expansion of the car park at the mainline railway station was progressing; that the Tenant had now vacated the premises and it was anticipated that the matter would progress at haste.

Cllr Preest reported that an officer at Gloucestershire County Council had advised that the attenuation ponds were part of highway drainage; that said Authority had undertaken extensive work on the issue and would continue to monitor the situation. It was noted that the next meeting of the Flood Defence Stakeholder Meeting would take place shortly.

17. **MEETING DATES**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee would take place on Monday 11 January 2016 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.47 pm.

Chairman

Date