



MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2017 AT THE STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: A White (Chairman), P Day, J Davies, S Clarke, J Scarsbrook, V Davies & Mrs H Siphthorp, Clerk/RFO of the council & 8 members of the public

Also in attendance: Advisors Messrs: G Parke, N Surman, S Jones & Ward District Cllr D Neill

Public Participation: Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak during the course of the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs: S Green & M Moseley & Advisors: Messrs: J Baggott & C Ayers
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
Members were reminded to declare any interests in items on agenda as the meeting progressed.
3. **MINUTES – TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER 2017**
RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr J Davies, seconded Cllr Day that that the chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **RECORD OF VOTING** – 3 in favour, 3 abstentions. **Motion carried.**
4. **CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES**
Outstanding planning applications for Coffee Shop, Church Street – still no response from CDC planning so clerk has now written directly to the Planning Officer.
20 mph zone – clerk said this is progressing well and is now out for comment with statutory consultees.
Old noticeboard on dentist's property in Sheep Street (leading to Talbot Court) – clerk reported that Cllr Curtis is going to remove.
Temporary Traffic Order to close the square for resurfacing from 30th October to 3rd November 2017 has been postponed until 8th to 12th January 2018.
Clerk confirmed she had sent a letter of thanks to Mr Eastabrook.
Land adjacent to Bretton House in relation to access. Clerk read out email from GCC Highways Officer which said that the Development Team had received a submission which included some works to the highway to create a safe access. The submission has been technically reviewed by Amey and the developers were asked to submit a revised application incorporating the comments of the technical review. The latter has yet to be studied but as soon as he receives feedback he will let the council have details.
Burford Bridge 7.5 weight limit – clerk advised that the implementation of proposals is pending further investigation to determine the wider effect the scheme would have on neighbouring areas as a result of displaced vehicles. A decision is therefore deferred for 6 months. All neighbouring councils to be included in further investigation and consultation to include potential for implementing 20 mph speed limit in High Street and impact on local commercial vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight.
At this juncture the chairman allowed several members of public present to speak about their concerns at the amount of large lorries that are coming along Park Street & Sheep Street. A number of residents have set up an action group. Agreed that when consulted again, on the Burford Bridge weight restriction, the group's concerns would be included within the discussions at a future meeting. Group had requested data on traffic from Cllr Moor but if nothing forthcoming the clerk would speak to GCC Highways Officer.

5. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr White said that he had attended the CDC Local Plan hearing last Wednesday and gave an overview of the proceedings. At the hearing he had obtained a copy of a document entitled “Cotswold Local Plan Highway Capacity Assessment” which was only submitted to the Inspector the day before. He had asked the Inspector if the council could comment on the report and has been given to the end of this week to submit a short report. Mr Ayers had kindly assessed the document and had sent in his comments. Cllr White will now condense and clerk will send off ahead of the deadline date.

6. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

- a) **Planning Application No 17/03828/FUL – Land at White Hart Lane –** Removal of Condition 15 (parking) of permission 14/03649/FUL – Construction of four houses and three apartments

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Day that the council object. Same objections in relation to parking for other current planning application for this site and also the fact that the two parking spaces on site will mean losing two spaces on the highway therefore have no benefit whatsoever. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

Ward District Cllr Neill spoke saying this application was totally unacceptable and would be taking it up with the Planning Officer.

Cllr Neill was given the opportunity to speak, by the Chairman, with regard to the change of use planning application for the Methodist Chapel, Sheep Street. The council had asked her to call it in. She said the Planning Officer said that there was little point as GCC Highways had approved the proposals. Unanimously agreed that she ask for the final decision to be left to the CDC Planning Committee rather than go through under delegated power.

7. DECISION NOTICES

Planning Application No	Location	Description	STC's Comments	CDC Decision
17/03401/ADV	The Green Talbot, Square	2 no temporary hoarding signs to advertise the sale of dwellings	No objection	Permits
17/01399/LBC	Manor House, The Square	Removal of internal wall (retrospective)	No objection but comment that yet another retrospective application	Permits
17/03477/FUL	Beauport, Sheep Street	Change of use of property to single dwelling (C3) including ancillary residential use of garage building	No objection	Permits
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8. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGET FOR NEW FINANCIAL YEAR COMMENCING 1ST APRIL 2018

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Day that the draft budget is approved for an amount of £23,000 and will go to Finance & General Purpose Committee for consideration.

RECORD OF VOTING – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

9. TO REVIEW ACTUAL INCOME/EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO BUDGET TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Clerk reported that income/expenditure in relation to budget are on track. The budget is £33,000 and currently £12,106 had been spent which leaves a balance for outstanding projects of £20,894.

10. TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF AN UNDERGROUND CAR PARK IN THE TOWN

A discussion ensued and although a good idea the cost implications and lots of other factors will likely make this a non starter. However, before dismissing totally the chairman asked the members to consider comments made by Cllr Moseley, who has a background in civil engineering and had sent an email to the office which the Chairman read out. He said that an underground car park in the square could place listed buildings at hazard, create enormous congestion and lack of amenity and require major rerouting of utilities. The cost of such a proposal would be way beyond the ability of this council or any local authority to contemplate. He suggested that the council should pursue the possibility of building an extension to the Tesco/CDC shopper's car park on adjacent land in the ownership of the Whitby family. Clerk to contact the family to see if they would be interested in leasing the land to the council. It was noted that there are TPO's on some of the trees on this land. He also suggested that another possibility would be to put a second tier onto existing Tesco/CDC shoppers car park and the other in Maugersbury Road. If none of these suggestions are achievable then at that stage the council will make a final decision on whether an underground car park is feasible.

11. TO DISCUSS AND COMMENT ON GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PLANNING FOR THE RIGHT HOMES IN THE RIGHT PLACES

Members had been circulated the website link to this report. Cllr White gave an overview of the report and this was added to by Mr Parke. Agreed that no further action will be taken and the council will not participate in the survey.

12. REVISED DRAFT OF 3 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN IN RELATION TO THIS COMMITTEE

Members had been given a copy of the full report. A few amendments/additions were proposed to the draft document. Clerk to incorporate and document will come back to the committee for final approval at the next meeting.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING)

A member of public present said that as the CDC Planning Committee were having a site visit at the development on land adjacent to Bretton House, Station Road, that they may like to go and visit the developments on land north of Tesco. This at least would show them what an impact such developments have had as they could see with their own eyes rather than visualising from plans. All agreed this was a very good suggestion. Cllr Neill to take this up with Planning Officer to see if this was possibility.

Mr Surman asked the clerk if any response had been received from CDC Planning with regard to the fact that the new signs on Stuart House, Digbeth Street are illuminated. She apologised because this should have been part of her report. She had received a response that confirmed that when giving consent to this planning application illumination had been included.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7.00 pm

15. MEETING CLOSED: At 8.04 pm.

Signed: _____ Chairman Dated: _____