

PLANNING & ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Large Hall of the Town Hall, Calne on Monday 23 July 2007

PRESENT: Councillor R Golding – Town Mayor – Ex Officio
Councillor M J Baggs – Deputy Town Mayor – Ex Officio
Councillor A J Trotman - **Chair**
Councillor D F Short – **Vice-Chair**
Councillor A K Hill
Councillor H R Marshall
Councillor Mrs J Martin
Councillor Mrs A Pier
Councillor Mrs C A Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Miss E Pieroux

OFFICERS: Mrs A Kingdon – Town Clerk
Mrs L Robert – Deputy Town Clerk
Mrs A Cawkwell – Committee Clerk

10/07 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Mrs A J Venton.

11/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Committee held on Monday 29 May 2007, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13/07 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Following concern raised by Councillor A K Hill about inappropriate Parking on Station Road, the Deputy Town Clerk wrote to Sally Barnett, Highways Management Technician, and the response received was read out by the Chair, Councillor A J Trotman, indicating the request would be assessed. Double yellow lines were being recommended for this area.

It was pointed out that the area near the skatepark was a popular parking area for people wishing to walk dogs and should be kept clear. It was suggested that double yellow lines should not be included along this area. The Town Clerk pointed out that people would still be able to access Castlefields.

It was proposed by Councillor A K Hill, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Martin and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the option of double yellow lines along the bottom part of Station Road.

14/07 EARMARKED RESERVES

The Earmarked Reserves were noted.

14.1 Street Furniture – Allocation – The Chair, Councillor A J Trotman, stated that something should be included to brighten up the area in Church Street, next to the old Somerfield entrance. He suggested a large hanging basket stand, or street planter, however, no costings had been obtained yet. Something simple and less vandal proof was required. Members made the following points:

- As there are two Indian Bean trees outside the Lansdowne and Bank House, it would be an ideal opportunity to place a third Indian Bean tree in this location.
- There was concern that a tree may be vandalised as this is a fairly dark area, however, it was covered by CCTV cameras.
- Advice could be obtained from Brian Gale, tree specialist at North Wilts District Council.
- A railing could be placed around the tree to deter vandals.
- Wrought iron planters would be nice.
- Vandals should not influence the decision of what to place in this area as it is covered by CCTV cameras.
- This area could be used for additional car parking spaces.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor R Golding, seconded by Councillor A K Hill and

RESOLVED to investigate the idea of a tree, planter, basket and parking spaces in the area next to the old Somerfield entrance and report back to this committee with costings.

15/07 INAPPROPRIATE PARKING – STATION ROAD

This item had previously been discussed.

16/07 KEY BUS ROUTE NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS – BUS STOP CLEARWAYS

Members raised the following points:

- There is a bus stop outside Bank House and also outside the Town Hall. Only one bus stop is required – the one outside Bank House as it is larger to pull into.

- This would mean people getting off and on the bus at the same time and could be confusing. This could also cause problems for the disabled who will need to cross the road and was therefore not a good idea
- The nearest bus stop to this location is beyond Curzon Street and a long walk for the elderly.
- It could be suggested that Stagecoach who operate from Swindon and Chippenham drop off and pick up from the stop at Bank House and smaller buses use the other stop at the Town Hall.
- Passengers coming on and off at the same time happens all the time on trains and also buses.

It was proposed by Councillor A K Hill, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Martin and

RESOLVED to write to Stagecoach with a view to picking up and dropping off at the Bank House stop only with the Town Hall bus stop restricted to smaller buses.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Martin, seconded by Councillor D F Short and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to agree with the proposals for St Mary's School Bus Stop in Calne.

17/07 TRAFFIC CALMING WORKING GROUP MINUTES -

The Minutes of the Traffic Calming Working Group held on 5 June 2007 were noted by members.

With reference to 4.3 concerning Parking at the junction of Stockley Lane, ownership of the parcel of land involved was thought to belong to the houses at Lake View, however, further investigation was required.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.