

Minutes of the Town Development Committee held on Monday 18th February 2019 at 7pm at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Membership:

Cllr Brett (East)	*	Cllr Robbins (East)	A
Cllr Davis (East) Vice Chairman	*	Cllr Nicklin (ex officio, Chairman of SPRG)	*
Cllr Fraser (West)	*	Bill Parks (external representative)	*
Cllr Fryer (Broadway)	*	Len Turner (external representative)	*
Cllr Macfarlane, (West) Chairman	*		

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Tom Dommett, Assistant Town Clerk, Judith Halls, Officer

Public and press: 6 members of the public, 0 press

TD/18/054 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chris Robbins.

TD/18/055 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

TD/18/056 Minutes

TD/18/56.1 The minutes of the Town Development Committee (TD) meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

TD/18/56.2 None.

TD/18/57 Chairman's Announcements

The Council had been contacted by a representative of ABEI Energy Group a renewable energy company that is interested in developing wind and solar farms across the UK. They have a project for a wind farm to be situated in the farmland between Warminster and Corsley Heath.

They are looking to liaise with a Councillor to gain more information on the needs of the local community as well as past planning applications for similar projects.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Wiltshire Council. The ten-week public consultation closes on 15th April 2019.

The Chairman suggested SPRWG would be the appropriate body to consider these issues. The Chairman of SPRWG agreed they would discuss these issues.

The matter of a replacement road sign for Malvern Close is being chased for progress.

Standing Orders were suspended to for public participation at 7.05 pm

TD/18/058 Public Participation

Mr Shoult of Silver Street spoke regarding the problems of traffic in Silver Street. There is parking for twenty cars in 6 bays, all limited to 1 hour stay with no return permitted for 2 hours. Residents have to park in other streets and walk long distances to their houses. Silver Street is a straight road therefore motorists tend to speed up after slowing down in Church Street and George Street.

He requested the committee consider allocating 25% of the parking spaces being converted to residents parking, 2 or 3 raised platforms to slow traffic and a 20mph zone from Warminster School to George Street and Silver Street.

Mrs Hazel Loveday spoke about similar problems in Ash Walk and said that vehicles don't have to be speeding to cause problems/danger. Thoughtless and hazardous parking were causing issues, but she was unsure what could be done to alleviate this.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.12 pm

The chair proposed bringing forward items 14,15 and 16 for discussion and the committee agreed unanimously

TD/18/059 Silver Street Issues

Cllr Davis proposed that Warminster Town Council ask CATg to consider a survey to investigate through traffic problems in Silver Street, Emwell Street and Vicarage Street with a view to traffic calming measures in Silver Street such as a raised pedestrian crossing with a buildout, seconded Cllr Fraser, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/18/060 Car Parking Ash Walk

Cllr Macfarlane circulated photos to the committee highlighting parking issues in Ash Walk. Members had a lengthy debate about the problem.

Cllr Davis proposed a traffic engineer be asked to assess the situation and that the matter be referred to CATg, seconded Cllr Brett, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/18/061 Church Street Verge

Members had a lengthy discussion about the issue of cars parking on the verge opposite Minster Church and many suggestions to try and alleviate the problem were put forward. Mr Parks advised the committee that the verge was owned and maintained by Wiltshire Council and of the potential problems if there were utilities under the land.

Cllr Nicklin proposed no further action to be taken, seconded Cllr Davis, voting in favour 5 against Nil, abstentions 1, motion carried.

TD/18/062 Reports from Unitary Authority Members

Cllr Davis advised the committee that the Boundary Review was still in consultation stage and comments need to be submitted by 15th April 2019.

TD/18/063 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Working Group

The minutes from the CCTV Working Group meeting held on Tuesday 11th December were **Noted**.

TD/18/064 Spatial Planning Review Group

Cllr Nicklin advised the committee that he had no updates to report.

TD/18/065 Town Community Speed Watch

Cllr Davis reported to the committee that they had not commenced the door knock to encourage volunteers to join the Community Speed Watch program. CATg had been informed of delays in getting Metro counts implemented.
Noted.

TD/18/066 Town Litter Champion

Members were aware that the planned litter pick for the 2nd February was cancelled due to bad weather. The Woodcock Road area that was to be cleared was rescheduled for 2nd March and all were welcomed to join in. Len Turner advised the committee that he and fourteen volunteers had held a litter pick in Grovelands on Saturday 16th February. Nineteen sacks of rubbish were collected and a pile of other junk. Mr Turner asked for help in disposing of the rubbish collected and members agreed to assist in this disposal by contacting Wiltshire Council.

The Committee thanked Mr Turner and all the volunteers for their great work.
Noted.

TD/18/067 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

All completed works noted and removed from the schedule. Ongoing works set out below: -

	CATG Reference	ISSUE	UPDATE
	5568 Whitfield Close / Woodcock Road	Request for dropped kerbs onto Woodcock Road from Whitfield Road site. Request for 20mph along Woodcock Road	Cllr Davis and Len Turner volunteered to do a door knock of effected residents to gauge opinion.
	6146 Woodcock Road	A safe crossing place is needed for residents of the two residential parks in Woodcock Road - Woodcock Park and Whitfield Close - and residents of Woodcock Gardens. The north side of the road has no pavement and to cross to the south side at Highbury football ground is very dangerous because of the speed of traffic from Imber roundabout. Many of the residents are elderly with disabilities. On-road parking at Highbury on Saturdays exacerbates the issue. See also 5568 above.	Cllr Davis and Len Turner volunteered to do a door knock of effected residents to gauge opinion.
	5757 King Street / Brook Street	Speeding concerns. Request for metro-counts	Still awaiting metro-counts
	6084 Victoria Road Masefield Road roundabout and Broadway roundabout	The directional signs to Warminster Rugby Club at Folly Lane are unclear as they refer to Sports Field.	Town Council has agreed to pay for the new signage
	6594 Bishopstrow Road / Boreham Road	Excessive continuous speeding in a built up area including schools. The issue is on the B3414 where it joins the Bishopstrow Road in Warminster. There is a mini roundabout on this junction and the traffic is continually speeding in all directions	Agreed as priority of Community Speedwatch

	CATG Reference	ISSUE	UPDATE
	6598 Bishopstrow Road – Pedestrian crossing request	<p>“The crossing pedestrian access at the end of Bishopstrow Road is inadequate and dangerous. Many young children now reside in the area. The developers of Mill Island have reneged on their planning requirement to improve pedestrian access and defaulted on their section 106 agreement so the council does not have the required funds”. Pedestrian crossing request.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk informed the meeting that Wiltshire Council had advised him that the original section 106 agreement was signed in 2012. A Deed of variation was agreed in 2014. There was a sum of £15,000 agreed “as a contribution towards the cost of improving pedestrian access facilities in the vicinity of the land.”</p> <p>Unfortunately, Wiltshire Council was unable to pursue the contribution, as due to an error on the Land Charges Register, the existing developer was unaware of the financial obligation contained in S.106 when they purchased the site.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council have been considering the options in respect to improving the pedestrian facilities in the vicinity of the site and would be happy to refer this to the local Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to assess the feasibility of options in this location.</p>	Cllr Davis volunteered to pursue the matter with Wiltshire Council.
	6698 Victoria Road	Speeding traffic Victoria Road from Masefield to bypass. Request for Police checks or an Electrical Speed sign	Metro count form issued.
	6980 Pound Street	Resident has highlighted problem of lorries following sat-nav directions taking them from West Parade onto Pound Street and vice versa a route which is unsuitable for large vehicles and which causes major disruption and in some cases damage to property	CATg giving ongoing consideration of how best to tackle the issue – looking to refresh signage

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	6993 West Street	West Street parking vehicles and speeding concerns	CATg considering speeding and waiting restriction request

TD/18/068 South West Operational Flood Working Group

Cllr Fraser advised members that the Warminster Flood Plan is still being worked on.

TD/18/069 Regeneration Working Group

Cllr Nicklin advised members that a meeting was scheduled for Friday 22nd February 2019. The Director of Economic Development and Planning at Wiltshire Council is expected to attend.

TD/18/070 Taxi Rank in Station Road

After a lengthy debate about the best possible options to tackle the issue of taxi's parking outside Homeminster House. Members agreed that the Town Clerk seek further clarification from Wiltshire Council as to the conditions of a taxi license and in particular whether a taxi should be either working or parked up at a business address.

TD/18/071 Parking concerns at junction of Haygrove Close/Victoria Road

Cllr Nicklin proposed that this be referred to CATg for investigation, seconded Cllr Fraser, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/18/072 Land Adjacent to steps at Yeates Field Meadow

The Parks and Open Spaces Manger had spoken with the volunteers who look after the land about the area at the foot of the steps which becomes a quagmire in wet weather. An agreement had been reached that scalplings were the best solution to the problem and this was being implemented.

Noted.

TD/18/073 Handrail on footpath in Imber Road

Members were aware that the footpath, on the upper part of Imber Road, that leads to the area previously utilized by the REMI. It was resolved at the last meeting that the Clerk would check the ownership of the land and investigate the cost of a handrail on the right-hand side. These investigations are still ongoing.

Noted.

TD/18/074 CIL Funding

No new projects were proposed.

TD/18/075 Communications
None.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm.

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