

**Minutes of the
Town Development Committee
held online Monday 1st June 2020 at 7pm**

Membership:

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

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance: Officers: Tom Dommett, Assistant Town Clerk, Stuart Legg, Parks and Open Spaces Manager, Judith Halls, Office Manager

Warminster Town Councillors: Councillor Chris Robbins

Attendees: 5 attendees

(Bill Parks, Len Turner and Nigel Linge were all in attendance but had technical difficulties)

TD/20/001 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Fryer

TD/20/002 Declarations of Interest

None.

TD/20/003 Minutes

TD/20/003.1 The minutes of the Town Development Committee (TD) meeting held on Monday 17th February 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

TD/20/003.2 Matter Arising - None

TD/20/004 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Macfarlane told the committee he was delighted to be the new Chairman and was looking forward to the year ahead

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TD/20/005 Public Participation

TD/20/005.1 Due to technical issues Nigel Linge was unable to address the meeting but the power point presentations that he had submitted in advance had been seen by all committee members.

TD/20/005.5 The members acknowledged that a petition had been received from residents of Foreminster Court. They had a lengthy debate about the removal of the railings and the historic background to them being put in place. There were concerns over the safety aspect and whether removal of the railings might create other safety issues.

Cllr Brett proposed that members await the Wiltshire Council Highways Officer advice from before taking a view on whether to support the petition, seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/006 Reports from Unitary Authority Members

Cllr Davis advised the committee that the CATG meeting that was scheduled for Thursday 18th June was unlikely to take place.

TD/20/007 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

Cllr Davis told the committee that there was a budget set aside from Wiltshire Council for towns to apply for significant changes to their road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians. Any ideas that councillors or members of the public have how this money could be used in Warminster should be forwarded to Wiltshire Council.

TD/20/008 New Issues

TD/20/008.1 Request for discussion the installation of 30mph signs at either end (and maybe in the middle) of Woodcock Road - Between Imber Bridge and Boreham Road mini roundabouts.

Members debated the issue of 30mph signage and thought that there was already a significant amount of signage along Woodcock Road and this increase would not help the situation of speeding vehicles. All road users should be aware that in built up areas with streetlights the speed limit is 30mph.

Cllr Davis proposed that whilst members fully understand the comments and concerns submitted by the resident, the Traffic Regulation Act would not allow the Warminster Town Council to agree to this request. The local police are currently doing a speeding campaign and this area will be highlighted to them. Seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/008.2 A resident has contacted the council to ask; "Would it be possible in the near future to extend the pavement from its end in Victoria Road to Bugley Cottages, Victoria Road.

Members debated this issue and understood the residents' concerns and felt that this route would only get busier going forward when the Western Urban extension is completed. This would be a very expensive project and its integration with forthcoming development was crucial.

Cllr Macfarlane proposed for this to be forward to the CATG Committee for discussion with reference to the outline planning application from Persimmon and Section 106 money, seconded Cllr Ridout, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/009 **Cycle Path Between Boreham Road and Smallbrook Road**
Cllr Ridout proposed to support the application for cycle path and its signs between Boreham Road and Smallbrook Road, seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting in favour Voting 5 in favour, Nil against, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

TD/20/010 **Proposed Pedestrian, Cycle and Mobility Scooter ramp between Smallbrook Road and Willow Crescent**
Members discussed the pedestrian, cycle and mobility ramp between Smallbrook Road and Willow Crescent referring to the PowerPoint shared on screen. Members agreed that the gradient would be too steep, and it would need to be zig zagged to make it safe. This would need to be investigated by a Highways engineer.
Cllr Ridout proposed to forward this to CATG for investigation, seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/011 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s257 Applications Diversion of Footpath Warminster 53 (part) (attached)**
The developer wishes to change the official line as shown on maps to correspond with the actual line of the footpath on the ground as used by walkers. As far as the Smallbrook Nature Reserve is concerned, it will still join the reserve in the same place where there is a kissing gate. The path will meet the landowners boundary at the established point and use the established desire line on his land.
Cllr Ridout proposed acceptance support of the diversion of Warminster Footpath 53 (part), seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting unanimous in favour.

Proposed Diversion of Footpath Warminster 5 (part) (attached)
The proposal is similar to many others that we have seen in Warminster over the years, where the footpath is diverted onto the new footway in a development. There is no significant increase in distance walked and the surface will be better.
Cllr Ridout proposed acceptance support of the diversion of Warminster Footpath 5 (part), seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting 4 in favour, Nil against, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Comments need to be submitted by 3rd July to Wiltshire Council and the Assistant Clerk will clarify that the facts are correct before submitting Warminster Town Councils comments.

TD/20/012 **Communications**
Members requested that a press release be issued saying what an interesting online Town Development meeting was held and there were in depth discussions held over footpaths, applications and concerns over people's safety.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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