

**Minutes of the  
Town Development Committee  
held online Monday 19th October 2020 at 7pm**

**Membership:**

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

Key: \* Present A Apologies AB Absent

**In attendance:** Officers: Fiona Fox Town Clerk and RFO, Tom Dommett, Assistant Town Clerk, Judith Halls, Office Manager.

**Warminster Town Councillors:** Councillor Chris Robbins

**Attendees:** 5 attendees. (Nigel Linge was in attendance)

**TD/20/013 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Pitcher and Ridout.

**TD/20/014 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Fraser declared an interest in Item 9.1 Cordens Shop Front, she is the shop owner so would leave the meeting and not part in the discussion or vote.

**TD/20/015 Minutes**

**TD/20/015.1** The minutes of the Town Development Committee (TD) meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

**TD/20/015.2** Matter Arising - None

**TD/20/016 Chairman's Announcements**

**None**

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**TD/20/017 Questions**

None

**TD/20/0018 Public Participation**

**TD/20/018.1** The members acknowledged that a petition had been received from residents of Silver Street and Obelisk Terrace (also known as 19 to 30 Silver Street.)

The petition requests Wiltshire Council to implement without delay traffic management measures for Silver Street, Warminster:

**TD/20/018.2** The Chairman read out a statement on behalf of Smallbrook Toad Patrol

**TD/20/018.3** The Chairman read out a statement about Cycle Route Improvements on behalf of Nigel Linge.

**TD/20/0019 Reports from Unitary Authority Members**

Cllr Davis advised the committee that he was made aware of traffic improvement request for Imber Road although it was not on this agenda for discussion.

**TD/20/0020 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)**

The junction at Portway and High Street Warminster had been discussed at CATG with support for approximately 8 pole cones. (these can be knocked down but spring back up) as utilities in the area mean there is a limit to how deep the bollards can be installed.

**Cllr Davis proposed approval for a 25% (£750) contribution from Warminster Town Council, seconded Cllr Fryer, voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/021 New Issues**

**TD/20/021.1 Corden's Shop Front**

**Cllr Davis proposed that the item be referred to CATG for consideration, seconded Cllr Fryer, voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/021.2 Vehicles accessing Pound Street from West Parade**

**Cllr Davis proposed – That the issue goes to CATG for consideration, particularly the idea of making it a compulsory right-turn for lorries, seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/021.3 Smallbrook Road Warminster (from junction with Southleigh View to junction with Upper Marsh Road)**

**Cllr Brett proposed that the issue goes to CATG to get their guidance, seconded Cllr Fraser voting 4 in favour, 1 against. Motion carried.**

**TD/20/021.4 Woodcock Road speed restrictions signs**

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**Cllr Davis proposed, Cllr Brett approach Kingdown School about their School Traffic Management Plan, seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/021.5 Request for a sign in Market Place**

**Cllr Davis proposed that the committee had no objection to a sign and supported residents in having a sign, however, as it was a private land, it was not for the town council to fund or organise seconded Cllr Macfarlane. Voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/021.6 Smallbrook Road Access Only Section**

**Cllr Brett Proposed sending this to CATG for their feedback seconded Cllr Fraser, voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/021.7 Portway: Crossing from Bartholomew Lane/Path**

**Cllr Fryer proposed the issue be refer to CATG for consideration of a pelican crossing and links with the development at Woodmead, seconded Cllr Fraser, voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/022 CCTV Working Group**

**Cllr Davis proposed Members approved the recommendation from the working group, that it be re-classified as a sub-committee of the Town Development Committee and that the meetings be closed seconded Cllr Macfarlane voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/023 Cycle Route Improvements**

**Cllr Fraser proposed that the Committee set up a working group to consider proposals for improving cycle routes. Nominated were, Nigel Linge, Harriet James, Colin French, Cllr Robbins, Cllr Jeffries and one vacancy to be offered to other Cllrs, seconded Cllr Fryer, voting unanimous in favour.**

**TD/20/024 The Future of Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire**

**Cllr Nicklin outlined his involvement with WALPA [Wiltshire Area Local Planning Alliance]. Led by Mayor of Malmesbury, WALPA is concerned that it is now recognised that Wiltshire Council do not have a 5 year land supply and as a consequence exposes land to risk of development. This devalues Neighbourhood Plans. There have been several examples in Wiltshire of development being given go ahead. Malmesbury and Chippenham having land outside their Neighbourhood Plans allocated for housing. Also there is a new government white paper, Planning for the Future, which contains a number of proposals, including if a Neighbourhood Plan is more than 2 years old and there is no five year land supply, then the Neighbourhood Plan would have no planning weight.**

**Wiltshire has best record of approving Neighbourhood Plans in whole country.**

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Despite being given budgetary approval, Cllr Nicklin had been reluctant to ask consultant to do any work on the Town Councils behalf on a new Neighbourhood Plan due to looming government planning policy changes that could negate that work and of course the difficulties added by COVID19.

Cllr Nicklin asked for approval to continue to work with other towns and acknowledgement of the good sense in not having jumped into employing consultants during this period of uncertainty.

**Cllr Nicklin's update was noted**

**TD/20/025 Re-establishment of Chamber of Commerce**  
**Cllr Fryer proposed that the town council recognises the need to do more to encourage business in the town and put out communications asking for interested people to come forward and join together in an organisation such as a Chamber of Commerce, with a strong social side. Lead councillors being Cllr Fryer and Fraser, seconded Cllr Fraser, voting 4 in favour 1 abstention. Motion carried.**

**TD/20/026 Communications**  
Members requested that a press release be on reestablishment of the Chamber of Commerce and on setting up of cycle routes working group. Spokesman Tony Nicklin.

**Meeting closed at 9.42 pm**