

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

Membership:

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

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: 0 attendees.

TD/20/027 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Brett and Ridout.

TD/20/028 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fraser declared an interest in Item 9 Cordens Shop Front, she is the shop owner so would leave the meeting and not part in the discussion or vote.

TD/20/029 Minutes

TD/20/029.1 The minutes of the Town Development Committee (TD) meeting held on Monday 19th October 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

TD/20/029.2 Matter Arising - None

TD/20/030 Chairman's Announcements

None

TD/20/031 Questions

None

TD/20/032 Public Participation

TD/20/018.1 The Chairman said he had information from a member of the public which he would refer to under agenda item 9, regarding Damask Way.

TD/20/032 Reports from Unitary Authority Members

None

TD/20/033 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

Cllr Macfarlane proposed approval for a 25% (£237.50) contribution from Warminster Town Council towards the cost of bollards outside Cordons in the High Street, seconded Cllr Davis, voting unanimous in favour.

It was also mentioned that representations were made at CATG by the Smallbrook Road Group.

TD/20/034 New Issues

TD/20/034.1 Silver Street

Members debated the issue in detail. It was noted that Silver Street was undergoing a further metro count and that the results of the metro count would determine what if any measures could be introduced.

The Town Plan does have a set of proposals for Silver Street, but these are linked to the Western Urban Extension.

Cllr Fraser proposed that the matter of the road safety measures was one that needed to be referred to Wiltshire Council when the time was right. This would depend on the progress of the new housing on the Western Urban Extension, seconded Cllr Davis voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/034.2 Damask Way

Cllr Macfarlane proposed that the item be referred to CATG with a reference to the Town Council supporting junction markings at the entrance and at any cul-de-sacs, and also that the issue of the barrier on the footpath is considered (the barrier is set back from the road and children may be at risk of running into the road) seconded Cllr Davis, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/034.3 Victoria Road Warminster

Members debated the issues and history of the problem at length.

Cllr Fraser proposed that for safety reasons the double yellow lines would have to remain seconded Cllr Macfarlane, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/035 Minutes CCTV Working Group
Members noted the minutes of the CCTV Working Group of 10/08/2020.

TD/20/036 The Former Police Station
Cllr Nicklin reported that the Council first started to look at this area under the Town Plan and then the Neighbourhood Plan but this was based on the 'one estate' idea i.e. public sector partners to collaborate on property-led projects

It is now expected that the Police will sell the site to the highest bidder. It is likely to may attract developers but proposals will be geared to giving priority to developers interests not those of local residents.

There are relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Plan
"Policy TC1 – Town Centre Regeneration. The regeneration of the town centre, including the area of the Central Car Park and the site of the old police houses along with their service yard, will be supported."

"Policy GA1 – Central Car Park. The regeneration of the Central Car Park area and any other development that generates significant amounts of movement will be required to provide a Travel Plan"

Members noted Cllr Nicklin's Updates

TD/20/037 The Future of Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire
Cllr Nicklin reported it is well known, Wiltshire Council cannot demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply. Cllr Nicklin advised he would be part of a zoom meeting with WC Leader and Officers tomorrow, Tuesday 8th December 2020. Issues under discussion will include the 5 years housing supply, and developers putting in applications based on lack of 5 year housing land supply. The Government is saying Neighbourhood Plans will only valid for first 2 years if there is not a 5 year housing land supply.

Cllr Davis explained that part of the reason for Wiltshire lacking a 5 year housing supply was due to allocated land being deemed unsuitable for development, because of issues with phosphates and nitrate pollution. That is, that new housing without mitigation raises such pollution beyond acceptable levels.

Cllr Nicklin's update was noted

TD/20/038 Chamber of Commerce
Len Turner reported the initial meeting was very encouraging. We seem to have a very enthusiastic group ready to move things forward. The group has agreed reconvene on Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm. The group is exploring a number of options, but Mr Turners proposal is to operate a Chamber of Commerce in the background but use the public face of the Warminster Business Group.

The Town Council will facilitate the process e.g. offering room for meetings, but it will be run by businesses.

The Town Clerk and RFO reported there was a significant underspend on the Enterprise Warminster Budget this year due to Covid. The budget usually pays for the Warminster Parking Partnership.

Cllr Macfarlane proposed Members note the feedback and approve the use of the Enterprise Warminster Budget to help set up the Chamber of Commerce, seconded Cllr Fraser, voting unanimous in favour.

TD/20/039 Communications

Members requested a press release on Silver Street with Cllr Macfarlane as spokesperson if required.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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