

MINUTES of the MEETING of the

**TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 at 7pm

Councillor R Fryer in the chair

**Membership:** Councillors Davis, Field, Fryer, Fryer, March, Nicklin, Ridout, Messrs Jolley, Montagu and Parks

**Present:** Councillors Davis, Fraser, Fryer, March, Nicklin, Messrs Jolley and Parks

**414. Apologies and Substitutions** – Apologies from Councillor Field (work) (Councillor Fraser substituting).

**415. Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**416. Chairman’s Announcements** – None.

**417. Public Participation**

**Colin French 21 St Johns Road** spoke on item **No.12 Bartholomew Lane** saying that he had taken some photographs of the area showing where the hedges and verges were not adequately cut back, these he passed to the Town Clerk for reference. He said that if necessary he would be quite happy to put together a small group to perhaps join with WETS and clear up the area if it was permissible. He also asked for it to be noted that Newopaul Way is in a similar state and perhaps this could be looked at in the future.

**418. Deputations and Petitions** – None

**419. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Davis declared he is dual-hatted as a Member of Wiltshire Council and would reserve the right not to vote if appropriate.

Councillor Ridout declared she is dual-hatted as a Member of Wiltshire Council and would reserve the right not to vote if appropriate.

Councillor Fryer declared he has a son living in Bartholomew Lane but would stay for the debate and vote.

**420. Reports from Unitary Authority Members relevant to this committee**

None.

#### **421. Requests for Yellow Lining**

The Members discussed the need for yellow lining as suggested within the e-mail from F&S Gibbs. Last year a yellowing lining exercise within the town had been completed and this request had come a little late. It was felt that if the lines were all along the suggested route it could cause problems for the Warminster School and the Minster Church. The Members felt that the parked cars acted as a traffic calming measure and there were concerns that if the road was wider it might encourage the lorries to go through the town as apposed to using the bypass. It was agreed that the cars parking on the junction of Furnax Lane was dangerous and could cause congestion. Councillor Davis proposed that Warminster Town Council respond to F&S Gibbs asking them to complete the WR1 form required by Wiltshire Council to assess new requests which when returned can then be discussed further, Councillor March Seconded, Voting unanimous in Favour.

#### **422. Chinns Court Car Park Signage**

Councillor Davis told the Members that he had been approached by Mr Pickford, who had already been in discussions with the Town Clerk and Wiltshire Council and he was in agreement with the new signage intended for the Chinns Court Car Park. Councillor Davis proposed that Warminster Town Council support the signage for Chinns Court Car Park signage, Seconded Councillor March, Voting unanimous in Favour.

#### **423. Waitrose Signage**

NOTED

#### **424. Folly Lane and Beech Grove**

NOTED

#### **425. Bartholomew Lane**

The Members all agreed that there was a definite need for Bartholomew Lane to be cleared and were delighted with the offer made by Colin French to help to clear the area. George Jolley thought that the two groups could work together if permission was given and was happy to communicate with Colin French. It was the understanding that permission was to be sought from Wiltshire Council before this could go ahead. Councillor Ridout suggested that if a group was established to clear the lane it would be a good idea to take on board Newopaul Way as suggested by Mr French and put that on an agenda in the future. Councillor Davis proposed that the Town Clerk be asked to approach Wiltshire Council to investigate if the two groups could be used to clear Bartholomew Lane, Seconded Councillor Nicklin, Voting unanimous in Favour.

#### **426. Communications**

The Members asked that a press release be issued about the Town Councils intentions to have the footpath cleared.

**Meeting ended at 7.25 pm**