

OPEN SESSION: There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 7th March 2008 at 2.00pm

Apologies

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Deputy Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr N R G Clarke, Cllr D E Cracknell and Cllr Mrs J A M Terry.

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

PRESENT: Cllr M A Steele (Chairman)
Cllr N J Chard
Cllr D R Cole
Cllr B H Terry
Cllr Mrs A Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk
Amy Lowry-Carter, Student Adviser (*for part of the meeting*)
Harriet King, Student Adviser (*for part of the meeting*)

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2008, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered planning applications in respect of periods ending 30th January and 6th, 13th & 20th February 2008.

Amy Lowry-Carter and Harriet King left the meeting at 3.30pm, prior to consideration of planning application number 08/92475.

RESOLVED: That the observations as shown in *Annex 'A'* be submitted.

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PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

Members considered proposals by New Forest District Council for parking control measures in the Hightown Road area, A338 Service Road and Bickerley Road. The measures were aimed at preventing possible obstruction caused by parked vehicles by the introduction of waiting restrictions and provision of disabled badge holder parking and residents parking. Members had previously approved these proposals following the Informal Local Members Liaison Meeting held in November. It was noted that the proposals were now being advertised in the local press.

Although Members supported the proposals for the A338 Service Road, it was felt that more parking could be provided in this area by use of the grass verge. It was further suggested that this area be regularised and parking charges be introduced.

Members also felt that further restrictions were required in Bickerley Road and it was agreed that this should be discussed in full at the next Informal Local Members Liaison Meeting to be held in May.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the proposals for parking control measures in the Hightown Road area, A338 Service Road and Bickerley Road be supported.
- 2) That New Forest District Council be requested to investigate providing additional parking in the A338 Service Road by use of the grass verge and to regularise this area by introducing parking charges.

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MEMORIAL SEAT ON HIGHWAY VERGE – NORTHFIELD ROAD

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a seat on the junction of Northfield Road and Seymour Road was in need of replacement. However, no authority had accepted responsibility for this seat, which had been installed in memory of a member of a local family. It was suggested that the seat be adopted by the Town Council and that it be replaced with a previously used seat, which was currently being held in storage. The Town Clerk had written to Hampshire Highways requesting a licence for installing a seat on a highway and suggesting that the seat be replaced under a partnership agreement. It was also noted that the family were prepared to contribute to the replacement seat.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council replace the seat on the junction of Northfield Road and Seymour Road and that the family be asked to contribute to the installation of the replacement seat.

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SIGNAGE PROJECT GROUP

Members considered notes of the Signage Project Group meetings held on 29th January and 26th February 2008 (*Annexes 'B' & 'C'*).

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the pedestrian sign feasibility study had now been carried out and it was hoped that the County Council would now authorise the design and costing of the scheme. Members viewed a draft of the visitor information map boards, which were nearing completion and would soon be installed in the Furlong Car Park.

RESOLVED: That the notes of the Signage Project Group meetings held on 29th January and 26th February 2008 be received and the proposals therein be approved.

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PROPOSAL TO NAME AN EXISTING STREET

Members considered consultation from the New Forest District Council on a proposal put forward by Crow Hill Residents Association to rename the road leading from Crow Lane to the junction with Castle Hill Lane and Burley Street. This stretch of road had been named Moortown Lane by Hampshire County Council, but was known locally as Crow Hill, and this caused confusion when highway work was carried out.

RESOLVED: That the proposal to rename the road leading from Crow Lane to the junction with Castle Hill Lane and Burley Street as Crow Hill be supported.

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PLANNING WORKSHOP – RESPONDING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Steele, Cllr Mrs Wiseman and the student advisers Harriet King and Amy Lowry-Carter had attended a Planning Seminar on 7th February delivered by Community and Regional Planning Services. Cllr Steele wished to place on record his thanks to Hampshire Association of Local Councils for arranging the event, which had been of great interest and very worthwhile.

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.17pm.