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Minutes

Meeting of : Northern Area Committee
Meeting held in : Antrobus House, Amesbury
Date : Thursday 23 August 2007
Commencing at : 4.30 pm

Present:

Councillor C G Mills – Chairman
Councillor M A Hewitt – Vice-Chairman

Councillors Ms J V Broom, D W Brown, Mrs S L Dennis, M D Lee, I M Mitchell
J C Noeken, J F Smale, J R G Spencer, I C West, F Westmoreland, K C Wren and G Wright

Councillor P Clegg was present in his role as Portfolio Holder for Planning and, with the permission of the chair, commented on the items set out in minutes 30 ('Our Place in the Future' consultation) and 31 (Review of Community Involvement) below.

Parish Councillors: Mr Burt (Bulford), Mr Fisher (Amesbury), Mr Stubbs (Newton Toney)

Officers: D Milton (Team Leader, Forward Planning and Transportation), E Burt (Planning Officer), T Pizzey (Area Planning Officer), S Appleton (Planning Officer), J Ferguson (Legal and Property Services), S Milton (Principal Democratic Services Manager) and Paul Trenell (Democratic Services Officer).

24. Public Questions/Statement Time:

Mr Norman Bayne, Chairman of Tilshead Parish Council, addressed the committee with his concerns about perceived inconsistencies in planning decisions relating to the demolition of walls within Conservation Areas. He referred specifically to applications S/2006/1602 and S/2007/1123 at The Dings, 908 High Street, Tilshead, Salisbury, SP3 4RX. His comments and questions were passed to the Development Control Unit who undertook to provide a written response within ten working days.

25. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

26. Minutes:

Resolved: That the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 28th June 2007 (previously circulated) be approved as correct record and signed by the Chairman.



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27. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Mills declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter set out under minute 34 below (Planning Application S/2007/1363) in that he was personally acquainted with the applicant. Councillor Mills left the meeting during consideration of the item and Councillor Hewitt took the chair.

28. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman notified the committee that he would be absent from their next meeting on 20th September 2007. Councillor Hewitt is to chair the meeting and Councillor Noeken was elected to act as vice-chair.

29. Representation on Outside Bodies:

The Committee noted that Councillor Noeken had been elected as the Northern Area representative on the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition judging panel at the meeting of 28th June 2007. It was also established that the Wiltshire Rural Initiatives Fund Grants Panel had gone into liquidation and no longer needed an outside body representative.

30. Salisbury and South Wiltshire – 'Our Place In The Future' consultation:

The Committee considered a verbal presentation from the Team Leader for Forward Planning and Transportation in conjunction with the report of the Head of Forward Planning and Transportation. During the ensuing discussion the following points were raised:

- It was requested that the consultation be circulated to all Parish and Town Councils for their input
- Officers were asked to be mindful of the implications of any developments on the traffic flow of the A303
- The detrimental impact of traffic noise on residents' quality of life, and the possibility of introducing quiet surfacing
- The need to distribute housing across the district and consider small scale as well as large scale housing developments
- The need to build sustainable communities which can provide housing, retail and employment
- The possibility of distributing businesses relocated from Churchfields throughout the district rather than to a single location in order to more evenly spread employment opportunities
- The desire that previous consultation work be considered in conjunction with the current consultation, with specific reference to the Amesbury Market Town Partnership

31. Northern Area Committee – Review of Community Involvement:

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Chairman. Committee members commended the report and it was requested that it be circulated to the other Area Committees in the district.

Resolved: That,

- 1) The Committee write to all district and county councillors and parish and town councils in the area reminding them of their right to submit agenda items for consideration by the Committee and explaining how this may be done in order to encourage county and district councillors and parish and town councils to submit items for consideration by the Northern Area Committee.
- 2) The Committee invite Community Policing Teams to attend meetings as often as necessary to provide an update on policing and community safety in view of the high profile of crime and disorder in the area.
- 3) The Committee involve local agencies - such as Primary Care Trusts, Wiltshire County Council, the Ministry of Defence and Salisbury College - by inviting them to meetings when items of concern emerge in the area.
- 4) The Area Coordinator prepare a leaflet explaining the role and work of the Committee for distribution in the area. This leaflet will set out how local organisations and individuals may submit items for consideration by the Committee.
- 5) The Area Committee website be refreshed, kept up-to-date and include a 'submit an item/question form' for use by the local community.
- 6) The results of local consultations undertaken using the Peoples' Voice, Tomorrows' Voice and the Voice & Choice Panel be submitted for consideration by the Committee so that any issues of concern can be followed up.
- 7) Regular press releases are sent to the local media highlighting the work of the Committee.
- 8) A slot be included on future agendas for members to provide feedback from outside bodies upon which they serve.

32. Feedback on the Issues Raised from the Community Plans Progress Report:

The Committee considered the previously circulated report from the Partnership Team Manager.

Resolved: that a letter be sent to the Transport and Development Manager of Wiltshire County Council expressing the Committee's dissatisfaction with his response regarding Community Plan Acton 244 (footpaths and cycle ways surrounding Solstice Park).

33. Proposed Development – Andover Airfield Site:

The Committee considered an outline planning application received by Test Valley Borough Council for the erection of a major business park at the former Andover Airfield Site. Members were mindful of the employment opportunities offered to local residents by the proposed development. However, they also expressed concern about the inevitable increase in traffic flows on the A303 as a result of the proposed development. There was hope that these increases may assist the campaign for improvements to the A303.

Resolved:

- 1) That the concerns of the committee be passed to the Principal Planning Officer for inclusion in the council's official response to Test Valley Borough Council.
- 2) That the council's official response be circulated to all members of Northern Area Committee

34. S/2007/1363 - Erection of New Building for Class B2 Use and Associated Landscaping and Access Works at Cholderton, Salisbury, SP4 0EQ for Turley Associates:

The committee considered a verbal presentation from the Area Planning Officer in conjunction with the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services.

Resolved: That the above application be delegated to the Head of Development Services to approve subject to appropriate conditions on the issues listed below plus any other conditions that the Head of Development Services considers reasonable and necessary.

- Time (commencement)
- Materials
- Hard surfacing / parking / turning area
- Landscape / planting / maintenance
- Tree / hedgerow protection
- Use
- Hours of operation
- Habitat / species protection and mitigation (based on NE's latest response)
- Surface water drainage
- Foul water drainage (details / to existing sealed tank only)
- Control of Noise / fumes
- Outside storage

35. S/2007/1137 - Retrospective Application for the Erection of A 1.3 metre High Fence to the Front of the Property at Wessex Lodge, Wyndham Lane, Allington, Salisbury, SP4 0BY for Mrs Karen Lane:

The committee considered a verbal presentation from the Area Planning Officer in conjunction with the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services.

Resolved: that the above application be deferred to allow for a site visit by members.

*The meeting concluded at 6.45pm
Members of the public present: 11*