

19th August 2004 4.30pm

Antrobus House

Amesbury

## Minutes

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**Present:**

**Chairman:** Councillor M A Hewitt

**Vice Chairman:** Councillor C Mills

**Councillors:** M Baker, D W Brown, Mrs J Greville, J Noeken, A Peach, J Spencer, I C West, F Westmoreland and K Wren

**Parish and Other representatives:**

Mr G Burt (Bulford), Mr P Fisher (Idmiston), Mr D Healing (Durrington), Mr Ilsley (Tenants' Panel), Mr D Edwards (Tenants Panel), Mrs J Swindlehurst (Amesbury), Mr S Stubbs (Newton Tony) and Ms M Towle (Durrington)

**Apologies:**

Councillor H Bojdys, J Brady and T Woodbridge

### **MINUTES NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL**

**236 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

**237 COUNCILLOR STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME**

Councillor John Noeken asked the following question: "Given recent concerns about perceived delays in the legal process for the new school at Boscombe Down, which may threaten its opening planned for September 2005, may a progress report on this very important issue be sought from the County Council as soon as possible for this Committee and Amesbury Town Council."

Councillor A Peach speaking as a Wiltshire County Councillor replied that the developers had agreed that provided that the first reserved matters application is approved by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2004 they would deliver the school within 10 months of that date. This should allow the school to open in September 2005.

Councillor Mrs J Greville asked the Planning Officer present what stage the Stonehenge Visitor Centre planning application was at.

The officer replied that no planning application had yet been submitted at this stage.

**238 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> July be **approved** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **239 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Peach declared a personal interest in planning application number S/2004/0129 as he is a personal friend of the applicant and has had many dealings with the Abbey and because of the nature of this personal interest he withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.

## **240 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed members that on the subject of Green Travel Plans WCC had established a working group to look at this issue and the Northern Area Committee could request a presentation/consultation on its findings at a later date.

## **241 RELEASE OF R2 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN AMESBURY FOR NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Development Contributions Officer.

**RESOLVED** – that £17,188.02 of the 'R2' contributions be released by this Council to fund the recreation scheme outlined in the report, and that the release of the monies be made following receipt of invoices for the works undertaken.

## **242 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTS**

Members received a verbal report from the Parks Manager in which he outlined the position in relation to grass cutting at the present time. He stated that there had been problems this year which were now resolved. However, the schedule of cuts would mean that averaged out over the year there will only be one less cut than in previous years. During a discussion the following comments/questions were raised/asked:

- There were some mixed comments from members and parish councils. Some were very happy with the service they received from SDC but not WCC. However, others had experienced problems with the SDC service this year but appreciated that this had been a result of problems which had now been resolved.
- Whilst some members felt that two cuts a year by WCC was not satisfactory the Parks Manager explained that WCC cut grass for highway safety reasons not for aesthetic reasons and that two cuts a year fulfilled the statutory obligations.
- There was a request by a parish councillor that the grass also be picked up after a cut.
- A request was made by a member that SDC take responsibility for any residential road rather than just the side that actually has the houses on as this situation leaves one side of a road uncut in several locations. The Parks Manager replied that whilst this seemed like a common sense approach, if every area that this occurred in was included in SDC cuts it would increase the volume of cut grass considerably. However, he stated that if there was a particular problem area SDC would make every effort to include it in the contract when it was renegotiated.
- A member asked what incentives existed to encourage a good standard of performance from contractors. The Parks Manager replied that contractors were paid on a lump sum performance contract rather than a frequency contract because the weather is a crucial but unpredictable influence on grounds maintenance.
- The Chairman suggested that if members were so minded they should request to the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny panel that this issue be looked at before the contract is renewed.

**RESOLVED – that**

- (1) the Parks Manager circulate a copy of the grass cutting contract plans to all parishes and district councillors in the Northern Area.
- (2) the Parks Manager be thanked for coming to the meeting to offer the explanation.

**243 REQUEST FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR LINDA SHERWOOD**

The Committee considered the report of the Northern Area Co-ordinator set out as agenda item 9 and the assessment by the Acting Head of Community Initiatives circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED – that** £1500 be granted to Linda Sherwood for the purpose outlined in the report subject to the following conditions:

- (1) that SDC be mentioned on all publicity surrounding Ms Sherwood's entry in the competition.
- (2) that receipts be submitted to monitor that the grant has been used for its intended purpose.

**244 DESIGN CODE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND SOUTH OF BOSCOMBE ROAD, AMESBURY. (S/2002/I075)**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services. The Special Projects Planning Officer gave a presentation to the Committee.

**RESOLVED – that**

- (1) the contents of the report be noted and the standards that it establishes for large-scale development proposals as a guide for this and future development proposals.
- (2) the Planning Officer who compiled the report be thanked for his outstanding work on this project.

**245 S/2004/0129 – FULL APPLICATION -REPLACEMENT GARDEN STORE AND GARDEN SUNDRY EQUIPMENT AND PARAPHERNALIA: AMESBURY ABBEY NURSING HOME AMESBURY SALISBURY SP4 7EX - FOR MRS M CORNELIUS-REID**

The Town Council informed the Committee that they had registered no objection to the above proposal.

Further to the receipt of the above statement the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED – that** the above application be **REFUSED** for the following reasons

- I. The proposed building, by reason of its excessive size and scale, and its siting away from existing buildings, would harm the Grade II\* historic park/garden, the Special Landscape Area and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. It would therefore conflict with policies G1, CN8, CN18 and C6 of the Replacement Salisbury District Local Plan.

And that in the event of a material objection being raised by English Nature on the basis of harm to nature conservation interests, permission is also refused on the grounds of conflict with policy C11.

- (2) That the applicant be informed that this decision has been taken in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan: G1 General Development Criteria, CN3 Impact on listed buildings, CN8 Impact on Conservation Area, CN18 Development within historic parks or gardens, C6 Development in Special Landscape Area, C11 Nature Conservation Interests

Note: Councillor Brown, Councillor Hewitt and Councillor Westmoreland requested that their dissent from the above decision be noted.

**246 S/2004/1513 - FULL APPLICATION - CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL SHOP TO CHINESE TAKEAWAY / RESTAURANT: LINLEY HIGH STREET PORTON SALISBURY SP4 0LH - FOR XIAOYE WEN**

Mrs Holbrook spoke in objection to the above proposal.

Mr Fisher, on behalf of Idmiston Parish Council, informed the Committee that the Parish Council objected to the above application.

Following the receipt of these statements, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** - that the above application be refused for the following reasons:

1. Insufficient information has been supplied with the application for the Local Planning Authority to be satisfied that the proposal will not have an adverse effect upon residential amenity by reason of noise and disturbance and is therefore contrary to Policy G2 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.
2. The likely vehicular attraction to the proposed development presents a road and pedestrian safety hazard in view of the lack of off-street parking facilities and the substandard nature of the High Street, which is restricted in width with no footways. It is therefore also contrary to Policies G2 and TR11 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.

**247 2004/1509 - DEVELOP A 15 METRE GROUND BASED TIMBER MONO POLE ACCOMMODATING THE PROPOSED ANTENNA TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT COMPOUND AND ANCILLARY WORKS: DURRINGTON WALLS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE STONEHENGE ROAD DURRINGTON WALLS SALISBURY SP4 8BW - FOR "3"**

Mrs Salmon spoke on behalf of a group of residents in objecting to the proposal.

Mr Healing, on behalf of Durrington Parish Council, informed the Committee that the Parish Council objected to the application.

Following the receipt of these statements and further to the site visit held earlier that day, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** - that prior approval is required and such prior approval be **REFUSED** for the following reason:

1. The proposed siting of the mast to residential dwellings will have a detrimental effect on the locality generally and will constitute a significant detrimental impact on residential amenity.
2. That the applicant be informed of the following:
  1. That this decision has been taken in accordance with the following policies of the Salisbury District Local Plan:  
G2 (vi) and PS7 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan and advice of PPG8.
  2. That the applicant be advised that the Councillors were dissatisfied with the pre-application consultation process.

Meeting closed at 19.25 pm

Members of the public present 35