



# Northern Area Committee

## Minutes

10th March 2005 4.30pm

The George Hotel

Amesbury

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**Present:**

**Chairman:** Councillor M A Hewitt

**Vice Chairman:** Councillor C Mills

**Councillors:** M Baker, J Brady, Mrs J Greville, J Noeken, J Spencer, I West and F Westmoreland.

**Parish and Other representatives:**

Mr G Burt (Bulford), Mr S Stubbs (Newton Tony), Mrs J Swindlehurst (Amesbury).

**Apologies:** Councillors H Bojdys, D Brown, A Peach, T Woodbridge and K Wren

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

#### **318 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Burt asked "How much money does Salisbury District Council spend on the South West Regional Assembly? What are the thoughts of Wiltshire County Council on the Regional Assembly? A referendum was promised on whether or not people wanted elected regional assemblies, is this still going to be held?"

The Chairman informed Mr Burt that these questions were not within the remit of the Northern Area Committee. However, he informed Mr Burt that the subscription that the District Council was paying towards the Assembly for 2005/6 was £4771.

Cllr West and Cllr Baker, the two county councillors present expressed personal views on the Assembly. However, it was noted that further questions regarding the view of the County Council should be sent directly to County Hall.

The Chairman stated that any questions on potential referendums should be directed to the MPs for the area and any further questions on financing should be directed towards the Full Council.

#### **319 COUNCILLOR STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME**

None

#### **320 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005 be **approved** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **321 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Noeken declared a personal interest in planning application number S/2005/117 as in his capacity as deputy mayor for Amesbury he had been negotiating terms for the library on

behalf of Amesbury Town Council. However, he noted that this did not directly affect the planning application.

### **322 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **323 UPDATE REPORT ON RECREATION ROAD**

Councillor Baker informed the meeting that when he first became a county councillor for Durrington and Bulford four years ago, Recreation Road was an issue which was constantly brought to his attention. Responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the road could not be agreed between the County Council and the District Council.

Working with the school Governors, the District Council and the County Council, the management body of the Durrington Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre and the support of the Northern Area Committee a way forward has been found.

A letter has been sent to the Governors of Upper Avon School, outlining who is responsible for which sections of the access road and car parks and also outlining how the funding arrangements will work in order for remedial works to take place.

The School Governors need to meet to agree the terms of the proposal and this meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005. The early indications from the School implied that the proposals had not raised any concerns.

The Head of Legal and Property Services informed the Committee that the District Council had not yet formed an opinion on the proposals and would be holding a meeting with the County Council at the end of March to discuss the contents of the letter.

Councillor West added that he was pleased that the situation was progressing as he had written to both Chief Executives in his capacity as Chairman of the Durrington Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre Managing Body to urge them to find a solution,

**AGREED** – that an update be given at the next meeting once all parties had met to discuss the proposals.

### **324 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE CO-OP**

The Head of Legal and Property Services informed the Committee that the CO-OP had undertaken the asbestos works as mentioned in the previous minutes of the Northern Area Committee and he understood that they were shortly to begin demolition.

The Principal Planning Officer informed members that not all the conditions relating to the application had been discharged and therefore the Compliance Officer was in discussions with the CO-OP.

**AGREED** – that an update be given at the next meeting.

### **325 UPDATE ON THE CO-LOCATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE LIBRARY/HEALTH CENTRE SITE**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Legal and Property Services which had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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**RESOLVED –**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That regular updates be reported to the Committee.

**326 UPDATE ON SOLSTICE PARK DEVELOPMENTS**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Principal Planning Officer. The Officer gave a presentation to members outlining which developments had been granted planning permission.

Councillor Noeken explained to members that concerns of local residents were being considered by local councillors to ensure that they were ameliorated as far as possible. For example alterations had been made to landscaping schemes and an office block which was found not to be of sufficient quality had been refused planning permission. This had led to negotiations with developers which had often produced very positive results.

Members wished a concern to be noted that they do not feel they are always sufficiently informed of planning decisions. This was a particular concern when an application had previously been refused by a Committee and a revised design had been approved under delegated powers.

**AGREED –** That regular updates on the development of Solstice Park be brought back to the Committee.

**327 S/2005/1117- FULL APPLICATION - RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PLANNING CONSENT FOR PORTACABIN AS TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE FOR APPROX 12 MONTHS: AMESBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY, SMITHFIELD STREET, AMESBURY, SALISBURY, SP4 7AN FOR SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL: HOUSING MANAGEMENT**

Mrs Swindlehurst, on behalf of Amesbury Town Council, informed the Committee that the Town Council had no objections to the application. However, she noted that the Town Council wished to see the development progress as quickly as possible to improve conditions for the staff.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the above application be **APPROVED:** for the following reasons

1. It is considered that the proposed temporary portacabin sited within the courtyard area between the Health Centre and Library does not have an adverse visual impact or adverse impact to the conservation area or upon highway safety, in accordance with policies G2, CN8 and PSI of the Adopted SDLP.

And subject to the following conditions

- (1) The building shall be removed from the land and the land shall be reinstated to its former condition on or before 12 months from the date of this decision unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of amenity, in order to secure the reinstatement of the land upon removal of the building for which permission is granted on a temporary basis.

And in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan:  
G2 (General), PS1 (Community facilities), CN8 (Conservation Areas)

**328 S/2004/2603 - RESERVED MATTERS - REVISED STRATEGIC LANDSCAPING PLANTING TO SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF SOLSTICE PARK (RESERVED MATTERS: SOLSTICE PARK, AMESBURY, SALISBURY, SP4 7LJ FOR THE AMESBURY PROPERTY COMPANY LTD**

Mrs Pollard spoke on behalf of a group of local residents in objecting to the above application.

Mrs Swindlehurst, on behalf of Amesbury Town Council, informed the Committee that the Town Council were not aware of these local objections and therefore had raised no objections 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:**

(1) That the above application be **APPROVED** for the following reason

- I. The proposed alteration to the landscaping scheme will have a beneficial effect on both the amenities of the neighbouring residents and the landscape in general in accordance with policy G2(iv) , E8A of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan

And subject to the following conditions:

(1) This approval of matters reserved discharges condition[s] 1 in part (in so far as it relates to changes the strategic boundary landscaping of the site,) & 7 of outline planning permissions 02/485 dated 30/07/02 & 03/2481 dated 1/06/04 but does not by itself constitute a planning permission. (A08A)

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to comply with the provisions of Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(2) The further approval of the Local Planning Authority in respect of those matters reserved by condition[s] 1,5,6,8,10 & 14 of outline permission 02/485 is required prior to the commencement of any development other than the earthworks/reprofiling approved under condition 12 of the outline permission and the structural landscaping hereby approved.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to comply with the provisions of Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(3) The landscaping shall be maintained in accordance with the Landscape and Surface Water Drainage Management Plan approved by letter dated 7/09/04..

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to secure the satisfactory implementation of all approved landscaping works, in the interests of visual amenity.

(4) The planting and seeding of the landscaped areas hereby permitted shall not take place on Sundays, public holidays or outside the hours of 7.00 am to 9.00 pm Monday – Friday and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturdays.

Reasons: In the interests of the amenities of nearby residents.

And in accordance with the following policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan  
(G1 – Principles of sustainable development,  
G2 General Development Control Criteria,  
E8 – employment allocation for Amesbury.

Note: The Northern Area Committee members expressed a desire to undertake a visit to Solstice Park in the near future to allow councillors to examine issues relating to the site.

Meeting closed at 1740

Members of the public present 5