

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Town Development Committee was held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Petersfield on 9th June 2017 at 3.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr J Deane, Cllr Mrs L Farrow, Cllr P Humphries, Cllr R Mocatta (South Downs National Park Authority), Cllr R Oppenheimer (Hampshire County Council), Ms L Ferraby, and Mr R Beasant.

Also in attendance: Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk), Steve Field (Office & Committees Manager) and Cllr J Matthews.

T 0045 **CHAIRMANS REMARKS**

In the absence of The chairman, Cllr J Deane was elected as temporary chairman and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

T 0046 **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

Cllr P Humphries was nominated and seconded to be Deputy Chairman.

At this point of the meeting, Cllr P Humphries, as Deputy Chairman, took over the proceedings of the meeting.

T 0047 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Palmer (Chairman), Cllr P Strawbridge, Cllr Julie Butler (East Hampshire District Council), and Mr T Struthers

T 0048 **GRANTING OF DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)**

There were no requests for dispensation.

T 0049 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

T 0050 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Town Development Committee minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2017, previously circulated, were approved with one correction of Cllr P Humphrey to Cllr P Humphries.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Town Development Committee, held on 5th May 2017, be approved.

T 0051 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

T 0052

TOWN STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Members were informed of the meeting of the Town Centre Steering Group that took place on 22 May, and provided with illustrations of two options put forward for the work on the trees in the square. It was noted that although these were called options, both options would be carried out, as they covered different aspects of the work. These were received as positive progress to the square tree work, and members were keen to know timings of the work, and how public consultation would take place. This work would need to be carried out in the context of the rest of the Town Spine work, and be achieved with minimum disruption. It was discussed that London Plane species of trees were used throughout all of the Town Spine areas. The next meeting is being held on 3rd July at 1.00 pm.

It was discussed that a site visit should take place with a representative from Hampshire County Council, and that Cllr R Mocatta and Cllr R Oppenheimer invite Mr F Baxter or/and colleagues to the July or September to discuss the Town Spine highway requirements further.

RESOLVED: that Cllr R Mocatta and Cllr R Oppenheimer set up a site visit with Hampshire County Council, and invite representatives of Hampshire County Council to the July or September 2017 meeting to discuss the Town Spine highway requirements further.

T 0053

TOWN SPINE AND PARKING PROJECT UPDATE

Members discussed that further progress could be made when the site visit had been arranged in respect of the Town Spine.

In respect of parking, it was noted that the new railway franchise would be adding a significant number of parking spaces along the route, and it was discussed and agreed that Petersfield would be in agreement, in principle, to as many parking spaces as possible, as long as any design conforms to the Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan.

T 0054

CAR PARKING SIGNS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC

Members received and considered information regarding the introduction of car parking signs on the edge and within the town to direct visiting traffic to Petersfield Car Parks. This would help to encourage more tourism, minimise parking on the roads, and evenly spread the parking needs of our town.

Members enquired whether signs could be put up by the Town Council, or whether this would require permission from the County Highways Department. Members would also like to see some indicative costs to introduce these signs.

RESOLVED: that Mr R Besant re-check positions of where the signs would be required, and note whether

any existing posts could accommodate the signs. The Town Clerk would investigate costs with Mr Ian Janes, and information would be updated at the next Town Development Committee meeting.

T 0055

PLANNING APPLICATION REVIEW

Members were informed that an exhibition would be held on 14th July at the Festival Hall in respect of the Care Retirement Community on Land East of Harrier Way, Petersfield. There will also be a meeting on 21st July to provide further information.

There were no further comments to make on the planning applications.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.05 p.m.