

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Town Development Committee was held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Petersfield on 5th May 2017 at 3.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr J Palmer (Chairman), Cllr Mrs H Ayer, Cllr P Humphries, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr Mrs J Butler (East Hampshire District Council), Cllr R Mocatta (South Downs National Park Authority), Cllr R Oppenheimer (Hampshire County Council), and Mr T Struthers

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

T 0895 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the two newly elected county councillors - Cllr R Mocatta and Cllr R Oppenheimer.

T 0896 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P Strawbridge, Ms L Ferraby, Mr S Pritchard and Mr R Besant

T 0897 GRANTING OF DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

There were no requests for dispensation.

T 0898 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

T 0899 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 7th April 2017, be approved with the amendment of Cllr P Humphrey to Cllr P Humphries.

T 0900 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

T 0901 COMMUNITY PROJECT WORKER

Members were informed that funding from East Hampshire District Council

would potentially only be for 2 to 3 years, and therefore alternative funding would be required if this position was required for a longer term. Various alternatives ways of funding were discussed including possibly creating a Business Improvement District (BID). It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact other Clerks where a bid operates to gain any ideas from them. Some funding would also be available from Section 106 Agreements. The Community Project Worker would be employed by East Hampshire District Council, but would be situated at Petersfield Town Council.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk contact other clerks to ascertain how a Business Improvement District can be established and other 'best practise' ideas that would work well.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk write to Tim Slaney, Head of Planning at South Downs National Park Authority to ascertain the suitability of Section 106 monies for this purpose

RECOMMENDED: that subject to the outcome of the spending of Section 106 funds, that an annual total of £21,000 be available to fund a Community Project Worker part-time, based on £7000 from East Hampshire District Council, £7000 from Town Council and £7000 from Section 106 funds

3.45 pm Cllr P Humphries arrived

T 0902 PETERSFIELD GUIDE TO PLANNING

Members received a quote of £1500 for the production of a Petersfield Guide to Planning. Members discussed whether this was a suitable document for production, and members agreed that it was.

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Council proceed with the production of a Petersfield Guide to Planning for a sum of £1500 from the supplier Troy Planning

It was requested that a recorded vote be taken for this item.

In favour: Cllr J Palmer (Chairman), Cllr Mrs H Ayer, Cllr P Humphries, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr R Oppenheimer (Hampshire County Council), and Mr T Struthers

Against: Cllr R Mocatta (South Downs National Park Authority)

Abstain: Cllr Mrs J Butler (East Hampshire District Council)

T 0903

TOP 5 IDP PROJECTS

Members reviewed the top 5 IDP projects and the following information was recorded:

1. Shared Spaces - a meeting was held at Hampshire County Council on 26th April, which had been very positive. However, whilst Hampshire County Council were willing to listen to the plans, there was no funding available to progress these ideas. Funding would need to be found before any of these ideas could go ahead. It was suggested that a feasibility study should be conducted, with potential costs up to £60,000 for the survey to be carried out. It was identified that a sum of 1.3 m was available from Section 106 money which was earmarked for Highway Improvements. It was noted that the overall funding would come from 3 sources - Lottery Fund, East Hampshire District Council and South Downs National Park Authority. In addition to this, the list of highway improvements requested at the last meeting had now been received.

RESOLVED: that the list of highway improvements held by the Town Council and received from East Hampshire District Council be combined for further priority at the next Town Development meeting

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk approach East Hampshire District Council regarding funding, and that Cllr R Oppenheimer invite Mr J Moore and Cllr J Butler invite Ms Sarah Hobbs to the next committee meeting

2. Station/Lavant Street - as per Shared Spaces

Another topic that was discussed, concerned the new franchise for trains. The new franchise had published their wish list which included an additional train from Portsmouth to London, and that there would be an additional 1500 parking spaces created along the route, with the potential of a multi-storey car park at Petersfield

RESOLVED: that members bring ideas for what they would like to see from these plans to the next meeting

3. Car Parks

Members raised questions about the recent document produced regarding car parking, and in particular the mention of an overarching policy to link on and off street parking, which did not appear to be included in the document. Cllr J Butler explained that part 1 and 2 of the strategy had been carried out, and that part 3 was a consultation with public, councils etc over the next 5 years, to formulate the overarching policy

The lack of a 1 hour stay option at the central car park was due to it being deemed to be barely long enough for people to do their shopping, and didn't provide time for people to stay and do other activities such as eat in Petersfield

4. Cycle Paths - will be discussed at the next meeting

It was noted that a Cycle Path leaflet had been produced and was available from the office at the Railway Station

5. Links to Countryside - will be discussed at the next meeting

Cllr J Matthews left the meeting at 4.45 pm

T 0904

OTHER PROJECT REVIEWS

- **Self Build (JP)** - legal forms have now been submitted and it is hoped that these will be ratified soon
- **Penns Place Sports Hub (PS)** - it was confirmed that the pre-app work for Penns Place Sports Hub had been referred to the Grounds Committee, and this would be discussed at their next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.