

## PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Town Development Committee was held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Petersfield on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 at 3.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Palmer (Chairman), Cllr J Deane, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr Ms M Vincent, Cllr R Oppenheimer (Hampshire County Council), Cllr Mrs J Butler (East Hampshire District Council), Mr P Marshall (Petersfield Society) Ms L Bevan, Mr R Mocatta (South Downs National Park Authority) and Mr D Humphries.

Also in attendance: Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk), and Mr S Field (Project and Office Manager). There were 6 members of the public present and one member of the press.

**T 0632**      **CHAIRMANS REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, and welcomed Sarah Hobbs (East Hampshire District Council Senior Community Infrastructure Officer) and Alistair Linton-Crook (Cycling Project Officer)

**T 0633**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs L Farrow and Cllr C Wilton.

**T 0634**      **GRANTING OF DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**T 0635**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**T 0636**      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Town Development Committee minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019, previously circulated, were approved.

**RESOLVED**                      that the minutes of the Town Development Committee, held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be approved.

**T 0637**      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public representation

**T 0638**      **CYCLING DISCUSSION**

Ms Sarah Hobbs explained her role at East Hampshire District Council as promoting cycling by looking at opportunities that are available through section 106 development contributions. This included access, destination routes and signage. Members were informed that the priorities in Petersfield were traffic calming and safe cycling which is also identified in the Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Clerk also mentioned the potential new cycle way that would run from Rival Moor Estate, round the back of Sussex Road on the new Causeway Estate side, and out to The Petersfield School.

Members were informed that the process for registering for developers contributions was to produce a feasibility study on the scope of the work and how viable the scheme was. Priority of the scheme would then be considered.

South Down National Park has funds available from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), and funding is more easily accessible for smaller project e.g. £5,000 to £10,000. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Members were also advised that applications that had not been spent in the year should be reapplied for, to ensure that the money remained allocated against the specific request.

Mr A Linton-Crook, from the South Downs National Park, explained the cycle walk strategy. The National Park is working with districts to deliver rural connections into the Park. For instance, railway lines that are no longer used such as the Petersfield to Pulborough line. This will be delivered by different community groups with the National Park managing the relationships.

The Community Rail Partnership is currently working with non-motorised users to improve cycle route provision from Petersfield Station.

Mr Linton-Crook acknowledged that there were some good cycle paths in Petersfield but there were some areas where cycling was difficult or dangerous such as cycling along the Causeway cycle track, as well as getting from the Railway Station to the Festival Hall and vice versa. Cycling from the centre of town to cycling routes such as the Shipwrights Way was also difficult.

There were many requirements for cycling in Petersfield, including family leisure, school trips and occasional trips such as to leisure activities and shops. It was noted that the riverside path cycle route in Petersfield had been a great success, and was a good example of a safe cycling route.

Members discussed the possibilities of further speed limit restrictions and priority to be given to cycling in some areas. Running a campaign

to change views and culture would also assist in introducing more cycling and walking.

The East Hampshire District Council Cycling Strategy of 2004 was referred to as a very well thought out document and it was noted that further revisions were being worked on to produce a new version this year.

If the Town Council has any specific requirements, HCC can cost this, and if the work was to go ahead, it would be charged at cost price through the Community Funded Initiative.

SUSTRANS have mapped out a national cycle network, of which Petersfield is included, and they can work with various groups and have the skills to advise on all matters relating to cycling. , work with various group to advise on sustran routes. Sustrans could advise on the Town Spine Project and would also be able to identify priorities.

Members were informed that if additional bike parking and fixing stations were available in the town, and in particular at the railway station, it would attract more cyclists. East Hampshire District Council has identified a further £8,034 from the Lavant Street Scheme which could be used for bike racks.

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**RESOLVED**

**that the cycling/walking improvements be resubmitted to the South Downs National Park for CIL funding.**

**To consider a funding application to South Downs National Park's CIL for improvements to the Swan Street/Charles Street junction by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**To update the Non Motorised User (NMU) Strategy from 2004 to include the lighting of cycle routes and involve Hampshire County Council in the working group. The working party is to consist of Cllr C Wilton, Mr R Mocatta , Mr D Humphries and an officer of Petersfield Town Council. Terms of reference to be produced for the Non Motorised User strategy for Petersfield and reporting this to Ms Sarah Hobbs of East Hampshire District Council**

**To submit a joint bid from Petersfield Town Council, East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council,**

and South Downs National Park for cycle routes from the Station out into the South Downs.

Arrange for Mark Miller of Community Rail Partnership to attend a Town Development meeting to discuss the possibilities of Cycle Hire within the Station complex.

**RECOMMENDED**

that the Town Development Committee would support measures to reduce the speed limit within the town to 20mph.

That a bid be submitted for bike racks along with a fixing station for £8,034 from 106 Developers Contributions.

T 0639

**PRESENTATION FROM GETHIN MORGAN-OWENS**

Members received a presentation from Gethin Morgan-Owens in respect of joining the Town Development Committee as a non-voting member.

**RECOMMENDED**

that Gethin Morgan-Owens be invited to become a member of the Town Development Committee as a non-voting member.

T 0640

**RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Members received the progress on the resolutions and actions from the previous meetings. Members received information relating to the waterways enquiry along Frenchmans Road, this will be maintained in March 2019 by the Environment Agency, ref 206527.

T 0641

**TOP 5 IDP PROJECTS**

Shared Spaces - Town Spine (Project Delivery Team) -  
Station/Lavant Street - Town Spine (Project Delivery Team) - The next Town Spine meeting will be arranged following the 106 Developers Contribution meeting being held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.  
Car Parks (Mr R Mocatta) - linked to the Town Spine  
Cycle Ways (Cllr C Wilton) - as per the agenda item.  
Link to Countryside (Mr R Mocatta) - no change

T 0642

**PLANNING APPLICATION REVIEW**

Members reviewed the planning meeting agendas that had taken place since the last Town Development Meeting, and there were no comments on these planning applications. It was noted that Planning Reference 18/06292/OUT Buckmore Farm has not been presented to

Petersfield Town Council for which the consultation ends on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 but this application should be matched against the Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED**

**that Petersfield Town Council will check with the Planning Officers on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to see why this has not been presented to Petersfield Town Council.**

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.53p.m.*