

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillors            M Freeman (Chair)  
                                          A Dodwell  
                                          D Bowater  
                                          A Gray  
                                          F Kharawala  
                                          D Scott  
                                          J Silverstone

Also in attendance:            M Saccoccio, Town Clerk  
                                          S Sandiford, Head of Democratic and Central  
                                          Services  
                                          Cllr R Berry

Members of the public:        7  
Members of the press         0

**33/P        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor K Cursons.

**34/P        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. No declarations were made and no dispensations had been requested.

For the record, Cllr Berry advised members of the public that he was not actively participating in the meeting to avoid any potential conflict of interest in being a member of the Central Bedfordshire Development Management Committee.

**35/P        QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 minutes per person; maximum 15 minutes)**

A member of the public addressed the Committee regarding concerns about the recent works undertaken to the paving on the High Street. It was felt that the use of the new Street Print product rather than replacing with similar block paving appeared “aesthetically terrible” and was inappropriate in a historic High Street and conservation area. Concerns were also raised regarding impermeability and whether the surfacing would be hard-wearing enough, particularly in respect of the use of market stalls. Specific questions asked were why existing paving was being ripped up to be replaced by a

poor imitation, whether the impermeability issue had been checked to avoid potential excessive water run off into drains and rivers, and how this could be stopped from going ahead.

A resident and representative of the Leighton Buzzard Society spoke to express support for the concerns raised by the first speaker and to urge Central Bedfordshire Council to restore the High Street to its original condition.

Members of the public were thanked for attending the meeting and it was reiterated that only the Highways Authority would be able to answer these questions.

### 36/P **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee received the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held on 24 July 2019.

Minute reference 28/P (Highways Matters): the Committee was reminded of the information given at the previous meeting by the local area custodian regarding the use of Street Print in the High Street. It was proposed and seconded that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to write to Central Bedfordshire Council on behalf of the Town Council to express the concerns raised by both elected Members and residents.

**RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Town Clerk to write to Central Bedfordshire Council on behalf of the Town Council, to express the concerns about Street Print and new bollards raised by both elected Members and residents.**

Four members of the public left the meeting at 1945 hours.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held 24 July 2019 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.**

### 37/P **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee reviewed applications received up until 16 August 2019.

**RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that no objection be made to application reference CB/1901970 (13 Nelson Road), subject to adequate car parking provision in line with Central Bedfordshire parking standards.**

**RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that no objection be made to application reference CB/19/02055 (19 Middleton Way), subject to adequate car parking provision in line with Central Bedfordshire parking standards.**

**RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that no objection be made to the following planning applications:**

1. CB/19/01997 2A TAYLORS RIDE
2. CB/19/01950 LAND ADJACENT 26 WOODMAN CLOSE
3. CB/19/01985 13 CHELSEA GREEN, LINSLADE
4. CB/19/02119 13 STANBRIDGE ROAD TERRACE
5. CB/19/02113 58 EAST STREET
6. CB/19/01913 9A WATERBOURNE WALK
7. CB/19/02038 16 ALBANY ROAD
8. CB/19/02177 33 MENTMORE GARDENS, LINSLADE
9. CB/19/02157 10 LAUREL MEWS
10. CB/19/10982 SUTHERLANDS SCHOOL, LINSLADE
11. CB/19/02116 CASTLE COMMERCE, OLD ROAD, LINSLADE

**RESOLVED to note application reference CB/19/02335/RM (Clipstone Park)**

**RESOLVED to note the following works to trees:**

1. CB/TRE/19/00275 319 HEATH ROAD
2. CB/TRE/19/00281 30 HEATH COURT
3. CB/TRE/19/00255 2 HEATHWOOD CLOSE
4. CB/TRE/19/00315 5 THE HEATH
5. CB/TRE/19/00290 SILVERDALE, TAYLORS RIDE
6. CB/TRE/19/00304 12 THE HEATH
7. CB/TRE/1900300 2A BEAUDESERT

## 38/P **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

The Committee was advised of an email received from Cllr C Palmer regarding outstanding Highways related matters.

The Committee was reminded that in the previous year, the Town Council had requested consideration be given to measures in the vicinity of Greenleas School, Derwent Road, to address speeding and parking issues. It was agreed to ask Central Bedfordshire Council for an update on this.

The Committee was advised of resurfacing works which had been scheduled for The Paddocks/Lime Grove and which had now been delayed until October. It appeared that there had been a lack of communication with residents about the delay, which was understood to be due to a "supply chain issue". It was understood that the communication with residents was the responsibility of the contractor undertaking the works.

The Committee was advised of a change in the bus service route which meant that the bus stop at Soulbury Road was no longer in use, resulting in residents of Durrell Close having a longer walk in order to catch the bus at the railway station, or having to use a different service taking longer to get into town. It appeared that the change had been made without any

consultation with regular passengers. It was agreed to raise this with Arriva by letter and/or at the quarterly Exemplar transport meeting.

39/P **INFORMATION ITEMS**

No information items had been received.

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2019.

Chair

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