

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2019 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors A Dodwell (Chair)
 A Brandham
 S Cotter
 M Freeman
 S Cursons (Vice-Chair)

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

Members of the public: 3

462/P APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Perham.

463/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.

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

Three members of the public and representatives of the Leighton Buzzard Society spoke in respect of the footbridge over the railway leading to Southcott Avenue, which formed part of footpath 68. It was understood that the footbridge had previously been identified as needing essential repairs and had been closed for some time, but was now intended for demolition over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

The Leighton Buzzard Society had appealed to both Network Rail and the local authority regarding the footbridge and footpath. Concerns were expressed about the legal process in respect of the footpath and the question of accessibility, particularly in view of Network Rail's clear policy on Access for All. The Society had asked the local Member of Parliament to raise this issue and was considering starting a petition, although this would be difficult within a short timescale.

The Committee thanked members of the public for attending and expressed support. It was felt that should Network Rail be intent upon removing the footbridge, then consideration needed to be given to the installation of a separate access gate to Southcourt Avenue (the existing gate needing to be kept locked for safety reasons).

RESOLVED to write to Network Rail and to Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of the footbridge and footpath 68.

465/P **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee received the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held on 13 March 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held 13 March 2019 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.

466/P **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee reviewed applications received up until 29 March 2019. Discussion took place regarding application reference CB/19/00783/VOC (65 Mill Road).

RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that no objection be made to application reference CB/19/00783/VOC (65 Mill Road), but the Town Council would express its concerns regarding the practicality of the proposed car parking arrangements.

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

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| 1. | CB/19/00584 | 28 LYWOOD ROAD |
| 2. | CB/19/00620 | 65 HIGHFIELD ROAD |
| 3. | CB/19/00672 | 5 WATERLOO ROAD |
| 4. | CB/19/00655 | 19 HARCOURT CLOSE, LINSLADE |
| 5. | CB/19/00688 | 23 CHURCH STREET |
| 6. | CB/19/00648 | 10 REDWOOD GLADE |
| 7. | CB/19/00582 | 27 EAST STREET |

RESOLVED to note the following works to trees:

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| 1. | CB/TRE/19/00071 | 7 CHESTNUT RISE, LINSLADE |
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467/P **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

The Committee raised a query regarding when the resurfacing of the Vimy Road roundabout was likely to take place and it was agreed to contact Central Bedfordshire Council regarding this.

468/P **INFORMATION ITEMS**

No items of information had been received.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2019.

Chair

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