

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors M Freeman (Chair)
 A Dodwell
 D Bowater
 K Cursons
 F Kharawala
 G Perham
 D Scott
 S Owen

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

Members of the public: 0

133/P APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

134/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.

Councillors A Dodwell, G Perham, D Bowater, V Harvey and R Berry declared an interest in application reference CB/20/03508/REG3, as members of Central Bedfordshire Council, the applicant.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

136/P MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee received the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee

meeting held 30 September 2020 be approved as a correct record and would be signed at a later date, when safe to do so.

137/P PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee reviewed applications received up until 16 October 2020.

RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that no objection be made to application reference CB/20/03438 (17 Blenheim Road), subject to Central Bedfordshire Council being satisfied that parking standards are met.

RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that no objection be made to application reference CB/20/03536 (124 Nicolson Drive), subject to Central Bedfordshire Council being satisfied that parking standards are met.

RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that no objection be made to application reference CB/20/03508/REG3 (Leighton Buzzard Magistrates Court) but the Town Council would ask that careful consideration be given to parking arrangements for staff, visitors and users of any community facilities on the site, given the existing issues with car parking on Hockliffe Road and its environs as well as the traffic volume on this main artery into the town centre.

RESOLVED to recommend to Central Bedfordshire Council that objection be made to application reference CB/20/03448/OUT (Land at Spinney Park and Spinney Pool), on the following grounds:

- Concerns regarding lack of natural drainage in an area already subject to surface water flooding
- Concerns regarding highways safety, due to the proposed vehicular access onto a busy roundabout
- Concerns regarding the proposed re-zoning of this site from employment land to residential uses unless further detail can be provided on proposed locations for additional employment land to compensate for its loss.

The Town Council would also ask for information on anticipated planning gain in the form of infrastructure deliverables resulting from any permission being granted.

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

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| 1. CB/20/03401/DOC | LAND TO THE REAR OF NO'S 11B – 29 |
| WING ROAD, LINSLADE | |
| 2. CB/20/03463/DOC | CHAMBERLAINS QUARRY |
| 3. CB/20/03451/NMA | CHAMBERLAINS QUARRY |
| 4. CB/20/03458/DOC | LAND AT REAR ROCKERIES COTTAGE, |
| 228A HEATH ROAD | |
| 5. CB/20/03461/DOC | CHAMBERLAINS QUARRY |

6. CB/2003441/DOC	DOVERY DOWN SCHOOL
7. CB/20/03447/LDCP	109 HARROW ROAD
8. CB/20/030136/GPDE	79 RICHMOND ROAD
9. CB/20/03524/MWS	LAND AT SPINNEY PARK, SPINNEY
POOL, BILLINGTON ROAD	
10. CB/20/03488/NMA	LAND SOUTH OF GROVEBURY ROAD
11. CB/20/03493/DOC	NEAP PLAY AREA ON SITE 15C,
PRATTS QUARRY	
12. CB/20/03526/PATS	LEIGHTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB,
BELL CLOSE	
13. CB/20/03367/RM	APEX PARK, LEIGHTON ROAD
14. CB/20/03316/LDCP	TOUCHWOOD, PLANTATION ROAD
15. CB/20/03476	10 ROCK LANE, LINSLADE
16. CB/20/03481	19 CORMORANT WAY
17. CB/20/03460	93 CAMBERTON ROAD, LINSLADE
18. CB/20/03544	309 BIDEFORD GREEN, LINSLADE
19. CB/20/03449 &	LAND TO REAR 20-22 LAKE ST
CB/20/03450/LB	
20. CB/20/03333	33 SHENLEY HILL ROAD
21. CB/20/03604/DOC	CHAMBERLAINS BARN QUARRY
22. CB/20/03605/DOC	CHAMBERLAINS BARN QUARRY
23. CB/20/03614	9 GOLDEN RIDDY
24. CB/20/03586	18 SHEPHERDS MEAD
25. CB/20/03507	11 ORION WAY
26. CB/20/03624/DOC	CHAMBERLAINS BARN QUARRY
27. CB/20/03520	27 GRANGE CLOSE, LINSLADE
28. CB/20/03496	1 SOUTHCOTT VILLAGE
29. CB/20/03620	37 NELSON ROAD
30. CB/20/03582/LDCP	59 STOKE ROAD

138/P TRANSPORT MATTERS

The Sub-Committee received a report regarding the potential financial contribution to temporary bus shelters on West Street as a result of the bus re-routing arising from temporary pedestrianisation of the High Street. Following discussion and after being proposed and seconded, the recommendation was carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Finance Committee that a total of up to £12,000 be drawn down from Earmarked Reserve 920/9056 – Highway Schemes (£29,080) and a further £12,000 to be drawn down from General Reserves for the supply and installation of up to 4 number “Bay Standard Shelters with quarter end panels” to be used in West Street as occasioned by the TRO for the High Street; As Town Council assets, the shelters to remain located within the parish to ensure ongoing benefit to residents.

It was proposed and seconded that further funding from the same earmarked reserve be requested for railings around the flower bed outside Taylors Estate Agents on North Street, for highways safety reasons as well as

preventing recurring damage to the planting being maintained by volunteers.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Finance Committee that up to £2,000 be drawn down from Earmarked Reserve 920/9056 – Highways Schemes – for railings to surround the flower bed outside Taylors Estate Agents on North Street.

The Chair gave a verbal update in respect of the Committee's discussion in late 2019 regarding the possibility of installing a barrier at the canal bridge crossing due to safety concerns. The land in question was the responsibility of the Canal and Rivers Trust rather than the local authority.

RESOLVED to request that the Town Clerk write to the Canal and Rivers Trust requesting authorisation to erect a safety barrier at the canal bridge pedestrian crossing.

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of a number of footpaths in Linslade, particularly on roads which were routes to schools such as Finch Crescent and Mentmore Road. It was agreed to raise concerns with Central Bedfordshire Council and to request again a copy of the latest footpath condition report from the local authority.

It was reported that concerns had been raised by residents about taxis in the town centre including the quantity, apparent condition of the taxis and not switching off engines whilst idling. Taxis were a standing item on the agenda of the Partnership Committee and it was suggested to raise the matter there. It was noted that some concerns had already been passed on to Licensing at Central Bedfordshire Council.

A request was made to see information relating to consultation done with business owners in Hockliffe Street regarding part pedestrianisation.

The Committee noted that Bedfordshire Police had been made aware of the concerns raised at the previous meeting regarding parking issues and safety in the vicinity of Greenleas School, Kestrel Way.

139/P **INFORMATION ITEMS**

No information items had been received

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2020.

Chair

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