

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **BUILDINGS AND CIVIC MATTERS COMMITTEE**
meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, on
Tuesday 22 January 2008

(7.00pm to 7.20pm)

Present:

John Hann – Chairman
J Vincent Chainey
Clive Davis
Bridget Dollard
Julian Freke
Dave Gooding
Steve Hawker
Andrew Kendall
Wes Read

Also Present:

Sally Bing – Assistant Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/57 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 November 2007, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7/58 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Gubbins, Tony Lock and Alan Smith.

7/59 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Dave Gooding declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5 (Middle Street Proposed Occasional Closure) and Agenda item 6 (Lower Middle Street Parking and Loading Restrictions) as the Road Traffic Orders may result in additional duties for him as part of his daily work.

7/60 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

7/61 **MIDDLE STREET PROPOSED OCCASIONAL CLOSURE**

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (Agenda item 5 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the implementation of the closure of Middle Street and part of Bond Street between the junction of Bond Street and Peter Street and the Triangle on Saturdays, the capital costs of implementation of the scheme (£1,750) being met from the Transport Support Fund be agreed.

7/62 **PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN LOWER MIDDLE STREET**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Town Clerk (Agenda item 6 refers)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee awaits the outcome of the statutory consultation process and the consultation with local traders at the next Committee meeting.

7/63 **PARCROFT SCHOOL – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Town Clerk (Agenda item 7 refers) and discussion took place regarding the access to the proposed development from Preston Road.

It was noted that Carl Brinkman, Principal Planning Liaison Officer (SCC), had requested conditions to the planning determination including details of pedestrian access from the north side of the site be provided in accordance with plans to be submitted and approved by the LPA prior to occupation of any building.

It was hoped that this would include proper pedestrian safe access and dropped crossings.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

7/64 **DROPPED CROSSING FUNDING**

The Committee considered the letter from Phil Lowndes, Group Manager of the Transport Development Group, in response to the letter sent by the Assistant Town Clerk at the request of this Committee (Agenda item 8 refers).

Discussion took place regarding the discontinuation of funding from the County Council for dropped crossings, particularly in light of the rolling programme which had been running since 1995/1996.

Members expressed disappointed that such important work to connect the network of dropped crossings around the town had been abandoned due to changes in funding priorities. It was therefore suggested that the County Council be asked for a list of dropped kerbs that were installed in the last financial year and a list of outstanding dropped crossing requests they have received.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the Assistant Town Clerk write to the County Council requesting a schedule of dropped crossings installed in the last financial year and a list of outstanding dropped crossing requests they have received.

7/65 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Committee considered the report by the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement for October and November 2007 be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments members of the public.

Chairman

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