



Town Development committee minutes

Minutes

From the committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 12 September 2023

At St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

Decision making

There were no **decisions** made by the committee at this meeting.

Present

Councillors:

- Kate Bessant (Vice-Chair)
- Alex Kay
- Alison Potter (Chairman)
- Tim Trimble
- Katie Vigar

Town Council Officers:

- Ian Brown - Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Meeting clerk:

- Sarah Howe – Committee Clerk
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Apologies

From Councillors unable to attend the meeting:

- Dave Garwood
 - Sarah Gibson
 - Simon McNeil-Ritchie
 - Jennie Parker
 - Jack Vittles
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25. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

26. Minutes from the previous meeting of the committee

Proposed by Councillor Katie Vigar.

Seconded by Councillor Tim Trimble.

And with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions it was **resolved**: that the Minutes of the last committee meeting held on 11 July 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

27. Matters arising

Councillor Trimble has had a query from a resident asking if the My Wilts App comes in booklet form, to which the reply was unfortunately it is just an App based application.

Both Councillors Bessant and Vigar commented that there had been some comments about the site of the fireworks for this year, as some residents are concerned. Councillor Blackwell stated that the fireworks provider operates as carbon neutral and Councillor Vigar stated that which site and whether or not to do future fireworks displays is under constant review.

28. Agenda item 6 – Chair’s Update

The Chair provided a verbal update. The Culver Close Pavilion project has had two further meetings, with a third one due soon, with the architect, and a new design will be available at a public consultation on the 31st October ahead of the Full Council meeting later that evening.

29. Agenda item 7 – Decisions from the Delegated Planning Committee

The minutes and decisions were noted from meetings held on 19 July, 2 and 16 August and 6 September 2023.

Councillor Trimble enquired about an objection from the council regarding a planning application on Piplar Ground where moving a boundary wall appears to take over a section of grass verge. The Town Clerk confirmed that an Officer has checked with Wiltshire Council who are not minded to challenge this. The Town Clerk also confirmed that the council is investigating who owns the verge before investigating the matter further.



30. Agenda item 8 – Bradford on Avon’s Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Clerk referred to the Deputy Town Clerk’s update supplied with the agenda. A Working Group has been set up to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.

Wiltshire’s Local Plan is going out to public consultation for 8 weeks between 27 September and 22 November and will be hosted at the library in Bradford on Avon. As the golf course now has reserved status for the purposes of planning new housing developments Councillor Vigar suggested that the council publicise the consultation through the usual channels to stir up public interest.

31. Agenda item 9 – Have your say on Poulton Park

The Deputy Town Clerk had provided a written report supplied with the agenda detailing the latest changes, current public consultation and future ideas for Poulton Park. So far around 50 people have responded to the consultation. The Town Clerk confirmed that preparations are underway to replace the play area equipment followed by further paths and landscaping which will require additional funding. Councillor Vigar asked that questions which come up repeatedly on Facebook and Spotted in BoA could be answered by Officers to provide some clarity. The Town Clerk confirmed he would look into this. Councillor Bessant asked if the council was being a bit unambitious with the play equipment, essentially replacing like for like? Councillor Vigar said that she was hoping the contractor will respond well to the public consultation and children in schools are being consulted too to provide what is wanted.

32. Agenda item 10 – Bradford on Avon Skatepark

The Chair and Town Clerk provided an update on the opening of the new skatepark which took place on 9 September and was very well attended with around 200-300 youngsters present. A number of photos were presented to the council members taken by resident Dave Pegg. There was a view that ongoing promotion of the skatepark should try and encourage more girl to take part, and an annual ‘Jam’ on the anniversary of the opening might be popular with youngsters and the local community.



33. Next meeting

The next committee meeting is arranged for Tuesday 28 November 2023.

End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 7.35 pm

Appendix A: Comments and questions from the public

There were no questions and comments from members of the public at the meeting. There were no members of the public present.