



Dodington Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the **Planning & Transport Committee** held in the Council Chambers adjacent to Dodington Parish Hall on **Monday 5th August 2024** at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors Richard Evans, David Fitt, Christine Howard (Chairing Meeting), Paul Hulbert, Sarah Hurley, Adrian Hutton, Sandra Jee, Jean Thomas and Chris Zapata

Also present: Clerk – Hannah Saunders (Clerk for meeting) and 1 member of public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR COMMITTEE

Cllr Sandra Jee proposed Cllr Christine Howard and this was seconded by Cllr Adrian Hutton. Cllr Howard was happy to stand. There were no further nominations so Cllr Christine Howard was elected as Chair of Planning and Transport Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bob Graham and Louise Harris. Laura Pearson Tong doesn't sit on P&T committee.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR COMMITTEE

Cllr Christine Howard proposed Cllr Sarah Hurley and this was seconded by Cllr Paul Hulbert. Cllr Hurley was happy to stand. There were no further nominations – so Cllr Sarah Hurley was elected as Vice Chair of Planning and Transport Committee.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

NONE

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member of public present confirmed nothing to mention – but was invited to put hand up if had any questions

6. MINUTES OF AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 15th APRIL 2024

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true record. Cllr Christine Howard signed a copy of the minutes.

Matters arising – not covered during course of agenda:-

- Update has been received from RWE regarding solar at Mousewell Farm.
- The 3 phase upgrade is booked with Octopus for 14th August 2024.
- Clerk thanked members that turned up for photo at QEII and informed them that press release had been approved by SGC and would be published later this week.
- Clerk was pleased to see SGC carrying out some works to the retaining wall at the front of Heron Way shops by underpass.
- Clerk informed members that Claire Young may not be able to make 16th October for opening of Chambers – so would need to look at other options.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Matters covered can be viewed in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes.

8. CONSULTATIONS

A432 improvements – consultation is open until 20th August 2024.

Members duly discussed the proposed improvements – and agreed to delegate response to Clerk on behalf of DPC. They wanted to stress that the works proposed don't help Dodington residents – as getting over to Station Road is so difficult – whilst they are doing work – it would make sense to try and join east of Yate and Birds up with scheme.

Clerk reminded members that they could respond in a personal capacity if they wanted to.

Local Plan Additional Regulation 18 - consultation is open until 13th September 2024.

Clerk briefly explained reason behind extra consultation – and the questions that SGC are seeking answers to.

Members that had reviewed the documents – agreed with SGC approach and it was **RESOLVED** that the parish council respond in support of SGC approach.

9. UPDATE RE CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES

Cllr Chris Willmore and Claire Young met with First Bus Managing Director and discussed at length the problems about the service changes and cuts to the Y1, Y2 and Y6. Whilst she doesn't think the decision will be reversed straight away – it is good that they are listening and being positive. The problem with Y6 service is that it takes a long time to get anywhere and First Bus want to have a bigger conversation about how better to service Southmead and Cribbs (as people don't want to go to Southmead via Cribbs and vice versa).

Next step is to talk to Stagecoach who run 525 and 620 routes to see if they can help. However, there is then the problem of WECA – only allowing changes (tweaks) 2 x a year.

Cllr Willmore is still after evidence of use – and how people will be impacted.

10. BURIAL GROUND

Notes from the recent meeting with various stakeholders were discussed – and it was agreed that report was ready to be sent out to all parties outline what had been discussed and way forward.

At this stage – DPC will walk away from any further discussions regarding extension adjacent to the current burial facility. It was agreed that in new year – in conjunction with deliver of Newsletter – the Parish Council will inform residents that Burial Ground at St Peter's is nearly full and will soon only be able to accommodate burial of ashes (unless it is re-opening of grave for second burial – or one of the early reserved plots).

As per the consultation that was looked at and agreed in principle – members will outline what the options are and seek views – including whether residents would be willing to see an increase in precept to facilitate development of a new burial facility.

11. SPEED REDUCTION SURVEY

Following on from the last committee meeting – the Project officer had analysed the results of the survey and produced graphs to illustrate these.

It was evident that of those responding – majority were in favour of seeing speed reduction on B4465, and seeing the temporary TRO on Sodbury Lane made permanent. There was also support for Quiet Lane Status being applied for on Dodington Lane and Catchpot Lane.

These had been shared with members – but were presented again at meeting and way forward was discussed.

It was agreed that a brief report for website and next years Newsletter should be produced and that the results be shared with SGC / Ward Councilor's and resident that was applying for Quiet Lane Status.

12. GETTING AROUND YATE BETTER

Cllr Jean Thomas and Clerk had met with one of the SGC officers that was working on the Getting Around Yate Better project – to see what sort of improvements they were planning – and how / if Dodington could get involved (given the previous work / discussions regarding walking routes / blue line, etc). It was felt that there was a close link.

It was a positive meeting, and it was felt that there could be some joined up thinking. Clerk to send ideas over to SGC – and copy Cllr Chris Willmore in. There is still concern about it being a Yate project – and monies not being able to be used elsewhere – but Dodington does have some earmarked funds that could be used.

PMN, when Yate TC met with SGC officers to view proposals, week commencing 5th August, it was stressed again that this was a Yate project – so that change of attitudes could be easily measured regarding getting about, before improvements / after improvements...and funding was only for Yate.

13. CAR PARK POLICY FOR TERN INN

Clerk informed members that lease will be completed on car parking spaces this coming week and that contact had been made with co-op regarding car parking. The Co-op are talking to Horizon Car Park Management – and Clerk is looking to arrange a meeting with Co-op to discuss what restrictions they are looking at putting on spaces – how Horizon will manage.

It makes sense to work together – and use the same company (to begin with). Once this is established a policy will be drawn up in line with the car park management.

In the meantime – Clerk will be sorting out insurance and risk assessment / checks that need to be implemented.

14. FINANCE MATTERS

Clerk took members through YTD spend for committee against Budget and all was found to be in order.

15. ITEMS TO REPORT

- 1) Cllr Christine Howard reported overgrown tree by Merlin – and it was suggested that she was better placed to log with SGC than Clerk (as has details to hand).
- 2) Cllr Sarah Hurley was concerned about parking on some parts of Finch Road and Merlin (in that cars block the dropped kerbs – and this makes it very difficult for people with bikes / scooters / wheelchairs / buggies etc). Clerk asked for more details (on a map) and will include on a future agenda – as this is the sort of the YTC are looking at with their Getting about Better in Yate project.
- 3) Clerk informed members about work due to take place on Kelston Close as part of School Streets project that Abbotswood School are involved with. There was some concern over the change to the plans – and fact that neither Phase 5 nor Parish Council had been informed. Ward Councillor Cheryl Kirby taking this up with SGC.
- 4) Bristol Water will be attending allotments later in week to try and detect where leak is. (PMN – it was found – and damaged pipe was due to work that SGC carried out when dealing with drainage matter earlier in year).
- 5) National Planning Policy Framework (changes / revisions to) are currently being consulted on – ALCA have got a simplified version of the survey, and Clerk will include this on next planning and transport committee agenda.

The date of the next Planning Committee meeting – Monday 16th August 2024.

As there was no further business – the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Signed Committee Chair
Date

APPENDIX 1

Planning Applications Considered (as per SGC Planning Portal):-

There were no applications to consider – however – the council had been informed of 2 x appeals that have been lodged.

APP/P0119/C/24/3342201

APP/P0119/W/24/3341893

Land at Lydes Farm – Dodington Lane, Dodington, S Gloucestershire. BS37 6SB.

One is appealing against enforcement notice that had been served on site, and the other appealing about refusal of retrospective planning application.

The retrospective planning application was regarding change of use of land to caravan storage – and both the applicant and their agent had attended a meeting regarding this matter in 2023 – and members resolved to support the application – as there was a need for caravan storage in the area – and they had been supportive in past of similar proposals.

After due consideration – it was RESOLVED that the clerk write to planning inspectorate confirming the parish council's continued support for this proposal – particularly given that a further storage site has closed recently there is evidence of need.

Clerk has received notification from company handling the community consultation for RWE regarding the solar farm at Mousewell Farm. They have come back with responses to questions put to them earlier this year – and requesting a further meeting (via teams) to discuss matter.

Clerk will send the response to members – and will also contact one of the residents that acted as a spokes person at council meeting – to see if they have had their concerns addressed yet.

If necessary a separate meeting will be held to discuss this matter.