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Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 27th November 2023, in the Old School Hall at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs J Gibbins (Chair), K Gardner, F Smethers, C Wilkinson

Also present – S Willis (Clerk), representative of Davidson Developments and 1 Member of the public

Meeting Start: 7pm

221/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllr N Bess

222/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None to declare

223/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments from the public

224/23 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 30th October 2023

It was noted that the minutes state that the bench on the Green at Glassthorpe Lane was being investigated. This is not the case, it was the Green near the Baptist Church.

225/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Representative of Davidson Developments showed proposed site layout for plans on site off Roman Road at the top of Road Hill. The planning application that will be submitted soon will be outline planning for 350 homes plus detailed plans for 100 homes (450 total). This is part of the 2500 that Bloor have for development in principle. The new roundabout at junction of Road Hill and Roman Road has planning approval and is now awaiting technical approval and this will secure the infrastructure for the site.

There is a Bridleway that currently runs directly through the middle of the site and there are proposals to apply for a diversion to take this through the green space planned for the side of the site. This will then join Roman Road higher up. Council expressed concerns about crossing here and pedestrians having to walk along Roman Road. This is a well used bridleway by both horse riders and pedestrians. Developer to look at adding a footpath and crossing.

It was asked if there would be any traffic calming coming into the village off the roundabout.

This is not currently planned but feedback was taken.

35% of the site will be affordable housing, this will be a mix of shared ownership and affordable rent.

The developer was advised that the Council would be wanting to take on all open green space as we are for the rest of the Bloor site.

Representative left.

226/23 STREETLIGHTING

Light 90 on Larkhall Lane is still out – Clerk to chase.

2 lights on Larkhall Lane which are obscured by overhanging trees. These trees are on Barwoods Land. Clerk awaiting a response from Barwoods.

227/23 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) A resident had asked if it was possible to for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on the A4500 near the bus stop to help those using the bus cross the road. It was agreed that the clerk could contact Highways to ask about the process and if this is possible, or if there is an alternative (such as bringing bus route into the village). However, the main issue here is that the bus through the village has had service cut to every 2 hours. Clerk to ask why this is.
- b) It was also discussed that with the Sandy Lane Relief Road not being completed soon, that traffic will be coming down Sandy Lane, which has lost a bus stop and safe crossing place compared to original plans due to issue with land ownership. It was discussed whether the council should seek some kind of legal advice on lack of completion of Sandy Lane Relief Road and to see if we can get WNC representatives to attend a Public Meeting to answer questions that the council have.
It was noted that Road Hill will be closed for 4 days for repairs to the road surface.

228/23 ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that there had been a couple of people who were planning to stop their allotments in the new year had been advertising their plots on Facebook. This has brought some enquiries into the council.

Renewal letters to be sent out shortly.

229/23 STREET FURNITURE

- a) It was thought the quote received was expensive for removal. Clerk to get further quotes.
- b) The bench on The Green near the Baptist church is not a memorial bench so could be replaced, clerk to contact resident to see if this is a suitable location for memorial bench.

230/23 DEFIBRILLATOR

There has been a request for a defibrillator for residents in South View. The issue is the location as a publicly available defibrillator needs to be in a temperature controlled box so needs electricity. Clerk to see if Manning Watts House would be happy to have one situated there and also to investigate if the council qualify for the free defibrillator available from British Heart Foundation.

231/23 BURIAL GROUND

The Council is aware that the church yard is running out of burial space and that long term an alternative will be needed. Clerk to investigate responsibilities and legalities of Parish Councils purchasing land for burials and to contact landowners in the village to see if there is any available land. Church PCC will also need to advise what it is they would like.

232/23 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

At the moment no new items to be added to next agenda

Meeting closed 8.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 29th January 2024 at 7pm

Signed

Date

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