

MINUTES OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2015 AT 7:00PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE



Present: Cllrs P Smith (Chairman and Mayor), T Luker, P Barton, N Clement, K Collins, June Cordwell, John Cordwell, N Pinnegar, A Wilkinson, L Farmer, R Claydon
In Attendance: Town Clerk Ms S Bailey 7 members of the public

T.4882 Apologies for Absence – A Kendall

T.4883 Declarations of Interest Cllr John Cordwell CPRE & chocolates after operation, P Smith Wotton DIY, A Wilkinson Chamber of Trade

T.4884 To welcome Mr M Evans of Coburn Homes with proposals for land behind the Fire Station prior to planning application submission and public consultation. Mr Evans showed draft plans and welcomed discussion with residents & the community of Wotton. Progress has been slower than hoped due to the time needed to ensure landowner agreements are in place. A public consultation event will happen in January; liaise with Clerk for dates & venue, and ensure as much prior notice/publicity as possible. Generally the scheme of 96 space car park, 2 coach spaces, and 10 houses was welcomed and the need for housing to pay for it was understood. It is requested that the housing is of the Cotswold Stone traditional vernacular and not contemporary - although Mr Evans stressed that is what SDC planners have suggested he provide, and that he indeed can provide either. Questions still remain about the access point adjoining the main road system and this depends very much on what Glos CC request regarding fire station access. The car park has been given a figure of £200,000 costing to develop and the proposal is that the site would then be handed to the Town Council to manage. The provision of lighting depends on costs. There were some worries that a small housing development outside of the settlement boundary would set a precedent for other developers, however it was generally noted by the responses in the community plan questionnaire that in order for the town and businesses to trade and prosper in the future, there needs to be more parking provision in Wotton. Mr Evans was thanked for attending.

It was proposed by Cllr P Smith and seconded by Cllr R Claydon and agreed by all that the Council suspends Standing Orders temporarily to allow members of the Public to ask question of Mr Evans.

Members of the public spoke representing traders and the Civic Society. Amongst a variety of views expressed were a welcome for the car park proposals for business, the need for public consultation, and that the Town Council and the developer work together to stress to SDC the desire for traditional stone buildings.

It was proposed by Cllr P Smith and seconded by Cllr John Cordwell and agreed by all to re-enter Council Session.

T.4885 Public Forum The three winners of the recently judged Christmas shop window display competition attended. They were congratulated as the standard was high and received their prizes and certificates. First prize to Clarence £100, second prize to Longfield for £50, and third prize to Daisy M of £25.

T.4886 Minutes of the Meeting

Proposed by Cllr R Claydon, seconded by Cllr P Barton that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2015 be approved as a correct record. Agreed all in favour.
Proposed by Cllr K Collins, seconded by Cllr P Barton that the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 30th November 2015 be approved as a correct record. Agreed all in favour.