



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, commencing at 6.15pm

Present: Cllr's L Cruwys (Chairman) P Hill, B Holdman, S Bush, C Harrower, W Burke, P Elstone, A Hendy and A Perris.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Cllr S Griggs, 38 members of the public and representatives of Aldi

Permission was given for the meeting to be recorded for the press.

467	Apologies Nil
468	Declaration of Interests None made at this stage of the meeting
469	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 th February 2023 were adopted as a true record. Noted date needed amending.
470	Presentation By Aldi The Audi team made a PowerPoint presentation of a proposal for a supermarket on the site of Elmore Football Ground. The proposal would be for the football ground to be relocated to a site adjacent to the North Devon link Road. They stated that this would involve two separate planning applications. The football site would encompass five pitches, two covered stands, two changing rooms and a clubhouse. The development would be staged. The supermarket would have 1315 square metres of retail space and would have parking for 125 vehicles. There would also be a drive through coffee shop. Aldi at present have 990 stores and have been looking for a site in Tiverton for a number of years. The nearest store is in Cullompton.

	<p>Cllr Perris asked why the proposed football pitches were so far away. <i>Other sites were looked at, but were not suitable.</i> Cllr Bush was concerned about traffic issues near to the proposed supermarket site, and felt there should be a roundabout. <i>The response came back that it would be too close to the nearest roundabout.</i> Cllr Elstone asked some financial questions and also asked how many traffic movements would be made by users of the store. <i>The response was 1,800 a day.</i></p> <p>Cllr Holdman asked about charging points and Cllr Burke stated that the Secretary of State had ruled against development in the area proposed for the football club. <i>The response was that whilst that was correct for housing that was not the case for sports facilities. The developer had, they stated, been told by MDDC that this would be acceptable.</i> Cllr Perris asked about a proposed slipway that had been intended for that area, <i>but was informed that highways had stated that was unlikely to happen.</i> Cllr Harrower asked a question about time spans for the development and Cllr Bush was concerned that the supermarket would be in the flood plain.</p>
<p>471</p>	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>The Rev Johnson, who had been the chairman of the Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan, stated that he had been assured by MDDC that no development would occur in the Chettiscombe area. He felt that they should wait until the High School was re-developed and then use their site. Concerns were expressed on a number of issues by members of the public, including access, the proximity of historical sites, impact of wild life, light pollution, drainage and the loss of grade 2 farm land. One member of the public felt that the presentation had thrown up more questions than answers.</p> <p>The chairman thanked the Aldi presenters for attending, and for their presentation. He also thanked members of the public for attending.</p>
<p>472</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Planning applications dealt with as per attached list.</p>
<p>473</p>	<p>William Street</p> <p>Cllr Chesterton had requested feedback on repairs to the paved area</p>

	<p>in William Street. Members would like the slabs replaced and would like bollards inserted to prevent parking on the pavement. They would also like highways to look into a possible loading bay outside of Domino's Pizza premises.</p>
<p>474</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Monday 20th March at 6.15pm Meeting closed at 8.20pm</p>

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