

Cirencester Parking Demand Project Board

Meeting notes 18 September 2017

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Attendees: Councillors: Cllr. Mark Harris, (Chairman), Cllr. Chris Hancock, Cllr. Nicholas Parsons.
Officers: Claire Locke, Christine Gore, Christine Cushway, Bob McNally and Helen Argo (note taker)

1 Apologies: Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Cllr. Jenny Forde, Philippa Lowe,

2 Notes of the Last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 24 July 2017 were approved.

Any matters arising will be addressed during the meeting.

3. *Text has been deleted to protect confidential information relating to specific negotiations with site owners, site purchase and lease negotiations and financial data which cannot yet be made public.*

4 Police Station/Old Magistrates Building

The meeting discussed a request from the Standard to comment on plans by the Police and Crime Commissioner to possibly allow the redevelopment of the Old Magistrates building in keeping with future plans for the town centre which could include an alternative location for a cinema. It was agreed that we should respond as follows:

‘We cannot comment on future plans for the police station location – that is a matter for the police.

Regarding your suggestion about ‘handing back’ the old court house to the town, we believe that this is a matter for the Town Council and the police.

Progress on plans for a cinema are a matter for the developer, although information on planning applications is available on our Planning Portal.

More generally, we can assure you that if sites in Cirencester become available for development, we would work with the Town Council and other interested parties to consider the best strategic use of the site for the benefit of town.’

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5 OMH Staircase

Christine Cushway reported that it will cost CDC £7,000 to remove the staircase from the Old Memorial Hospital. She is waiting for shipping costs. Recommended a report goes to Cabinet to apply for costs, there is no requirement to make a planning application for the removal of the staircase however we will be required to make an application for the demolition of the building itself.

Suggested we contact the Standard with the story justifying the demolition with the need of extra spaces from the decampment of the Waterloo.

6 Waterloo

It has been agreed that £500,000 from the S106 of the Chesterton application will be allocated towards the build of the Waterloo decking car park. This follows significant work by the Parking Board to put together a justification for this allocation with evidence of parking need. S.106 money can only be allocated for parking where there is a viable scheme so the fact the Waterloo proposal is progressing has meant we are able to seek funding from this source.

7 Communications

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Travellers – Occasional occurrence. A direct comparison with the previous year of parking income during periods when travellers have camped have shown that there is a slightly higher level of income in the Beeches, so there is no obvious financial impact. Permit holders who are unable to park at the Beeches car park are allowed to park at other car parks when there is an illegal encampment .

Phoenix Festival - Banners “free after three” were well received.

Christmas - A brief update about parking during the festive period will be in put in The Cotswold News – text needs to be sent to the publisher by early November.

8 AOB

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9 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday 16 October at 2pm**. Ermin Room.