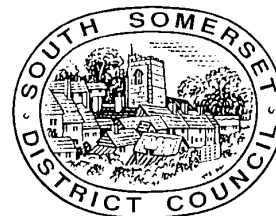


South Somerset District Council

Notice of Meeting



Area West Committee

Making a difference where it counts

Wednesday 18th October 2017

5.00 pm

(The first two items on the agenda are confidential and will be taken in closed session. The remainder of the meeting is open to the public and will not start before 5.45pm)

The Guildhall, Fore Street Chard, TA20 1PP

(Disabled access and a hearing loop are available at this meeting venue)



The following members are requested to attend this meeting:

Jason Baker
Marcus Barrett
Mike Best
Amanda Broom
Dave Bulmer
Carol Goodall

Val Keitch
Jenny Kenton
Paul Maxwell
Sue Osborne
Ric Pallister
Garry Shortland

Angie Singleton
Andrew Turpin
Linda Vjeh
Martin Wale

Consideration of planning applications will commence no earlier than 6.30pm.

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact the Democratic Services Officer on 01935 462055 or democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk

This Agenda was issued on Monday 9 October 2017.

Ian Clarke, Director (Support Services)

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Information for the Public

The council has a well-established area committee system and through four area committees seeks to strengthen links between the Council and its local communities, allowing planning and other local issues to be decided at a local level (planning recommendations outside council policy are referred to the district wide Regulation Committee).

Decisions made by area committees, which include financial or policy implications are generally classed as executive decisions. Where these financial or policy decisions have a significant impact on council budgets or the local community, agendas will record these decisions as “key decisions”. The council’s Executive Forward Plan can be viewed online for details of executive/key decisions which are scheduled to be taken in the coming months. Non-executive decisions taken by area committees include planning, and other quasi-judicial decisions.

At area committee meetings members of the public are able to:

- attend and make verbal or written representations, except where, for example, personal or confidential matters are being discussed;
- at the area committee chairman’s discretion, members of the public are permitted to speak for up to up to three minutes on agenda items; and
- see agenda reports

Meetings of the Area West Committee are held monthly, usually at 5.30pm, on the third Wednesday of the month (except December) in village halls throughout Area West (unless specified otherwise).

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Public participation at committees

Public question time

The period allowed for participation in this session shall not exceed 15 minutes except with the consent of the Chairman of the Committee. Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes.

Planning applications

Consideration of planning applications at this meeting will commence no earlier than the time stated at the front of the agenda and on the planning applications schedule. The public and representatives of parish/town councils will be invited to speak on the individual planning applications at the time they are considered.

Comments should be confined to additional information or issues, which have not been fully covered in the officer’s report. Members of the public are asked to submit any additional documents to the planning officer at least 72 hours in advance and not to present them to the Committee on the day of the meeting. This will give the planning officer the opportunity to respond appropriately. Information from the public should not be tabled at the meeting. It should

also be noted that, in the interests of fairness, the use of presentational aids (e.g. PowerPoint) by the applicant/agent or those making representations will not be permitted. However, the applicant/agent or those making representations are able to ask the planning officer to include photographs/images within the officer's presentation subject to them being received by the officer at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. No more than 5 photographs/images either supporting or against the application to be submitted. The planning officer will also need to be satisfied that the photographs are appropriate in terms of planning grounds.

At the committee chairman's discretion, members of the public are permitted to speak for up to three minutes each and where there are a number of persons wishing to speak they should be encouraged to choose one spokesperson to speak either for the applicant or on behalf of any supporters or objectors to the application. The total period allowed for such participation on each application shall not normally exceed 15 minutes.

The order of speaking on planning items will be:

- Town or Parish Council Spokesperson
- Objectors
- Supporters
- Applicant and/or Agent
- District Council Ward Member

If a member of the public wishes to speak they must inform the committee administrator before the meeting begins of their name and whether they have supporting comments or objections and who they are representing. This must be done by completing one of the public participation slips available at the meeting.

In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Committee shall have discretion to vary the procedure set out to ensure fairness to all sides.

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Any member of the public has the right not to be recorded. If anyone making public representation does not wish to be recorded they must let the Chairperson know.

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<http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/s3327/Policy%20on%20the%20recording%20of%20council%20meetings.pdf>

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Agenda

Preliminary Items

1. **Historic Buildings at Risk (Confidential)** (Pages 6 - 15)
2. **Chard Eastern Development Area Sustainable Route - Legal Agreement to Secure Public Access (Executive Decision) (Confidential)** (Pages 16 - 18)
3. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 20th September 2017**
4. **Apologies for Absence**
5. **Declarations of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (as amended 26 February 2015), which includes all the provisions relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), personal and prejudicial interests, Members are asked to declare any DPI and also any personal interests (and whether or not such personal interests are also "prejudicial") in relation to any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

Members are reminded that they need to declare the fact that they are also a member of a County, Town or Parish Council as a Personal Interest. Where you are also a member of Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council within South Somerset you must declare a prejudicial interest in any business on the agenda where there is a financial benefit or gain or advantage to Somerset County Council and/or a Town or Parish Council which would be at the cost or to the financial disadvantage of South Somerset District Council.

Planning Applications Referred to the Regulation Committee

The following members of this Committee are also members of the Council's Regulation Committee:

Councillors Mike Best, Angie Singleton and Martin Wale.

Where planning applications are referred by this Committee to the Regulation Committee for determination, Members of the Regulation Committee can participate and vote on these items at the Area Committee and at Regulation Committee. In these cases the Council's decision-making process is not complete until the application is determined by the Regulation Committee. Members of the Regulation Committee retain an open mind and will not finalise their position until the Regulation Committee. They will also consider the matter at Regulation Committee as Members of that Committee and not as representatives of the Area Committee.

6. Date and Venue for Next Meeting

Councillors are requested to note that the next Area West Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 5.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

7. Public Question Time

This is a chance to ask questions, make comments and raise matters of concern.

Parish/Town Councils may also wish to use this opportunity to ask for the District Council's support on any matter of particular concern to their Parish/Town.

Anyone wishing to raise matters in relation to items on the agenda may do so at the time the item is considered.

8. Chairman's Announcements

Items for Discussion

- 9. Countryside Service Update Report** (Pages 19 - 25)
- 10. Area West - Reports from Members on Outside Organisations** (Page 26)
- 11. Area West Committee - Forward Plan** (Pages 27 - 29)
- 12. Planning Appeals** (Pages 30 - 37)
- 13. Schedule of Planning Applications to be Determined by Committee** (Pages 38 - 39)
- 14. Planning Application: 17/02164/FUL - Land At Beetham, Higher Beetham, Whitestaunton** (Pages 40 - 51)
- 15. Planning Application 17/02165/FUL - Land At Beetham, Higher Beetham, Whitestaunton** (Pages 52 - 63)
- 16. Planning Application: 16/01967/COU - Land OS 5743 The Drift, Forton** (Pages 64 - 72)

Please note that the decisions taken by Area Committees may be called in for scrutiny by the Council's Scrutiny Committee prior to implementation.

This does not apply to decisions taken on planning applications.