

**THORBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

REPORT of the Meeting of the Planning & Town Development Committee  
held on Tuesday 21 September at Severnside Suite, Thornbury Leisure Centre at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Maggie Tyrrell (Chairman)  
Cllr Bob Griffin  
Cllr Shirley Holloway  
Cllr Chris Davis  
Cllr Eva Fielding  
Cllr James Murray (Vice Chair)  
Adrian Savery (Chamber of Commerce)

Cllr Guy Rawlinson (non-committee member)  
Cllr Angela Symonds (non-committee member)  
Cllr Clive Parkinson (non-committee member)  
Cllr Helen Harrison (non-committee member)  
Cllr Benj Emmerson (non-committee member)

Wendy Sydenham (Deputy Town Clerk)  
Hannah Cornford (Minutes)

Absent: Cllr Martin Trueman  
Cllr Ashley Bijster

**1. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Jayne Stansfield (out of Thornbury)

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none present.

**4. TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31.08.21 AND  
CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING THAT ARE NOT CONSIDERED  
ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Davies proposed the minutes to be an accurate record and it was unanimously agreed.  
There were no matters arising.

**5. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
COUNCIL ON THE LATEST PLANS FOR THE HIGH STREET**

Donna Whinham, the South Glos Council Regeneration Manager, attended the meeting to present the Council's plans and take questions from Town Councillors. Donna gave background on the plans, explaining that there had been a general decline in the High Street pre-COVID and this leads to a lack of investment. The new plans sought to improve active travel, digitalisation and control of traffic to help traders in the High Street. She acknowledged that strong concerns had been raised and stated that South Glos Council are listening.

Town Councillors raised a number of questions:

- What evidence is there that these plans will improve retail figures?
- How will the enforcement work for the drop off/collection bays?
- Are the bays for everybody's use?
- Why are charity shops and coffee shops considered a problem?
- Prezzo have already stopped using their outdoor space, what happens if outdoor seating areas are abandoned?
- Is there money to invest once this scheme is implemented and finished?
- Is it safe for cyclists to be going at speed, against the traffic flow?
- What is the speed limit going to be?
- At the recent Town Meeting, it was universally called for to allow buses back up the High Street, can this happen?
- Could it be allowed for smaller, local buses to be allowed up the High Street, even if not the T1 & T2?
- Has it been acknowledged that charity shops have reduced donations as people are nervous about driving up the High Street to make drop offs, due to confrontation from the public who don't understand the current restrictions?
- Has it been fed back already that there are not enough drop off/collection bays?
- When does enforcement start?
- Why do we need crossing places when the whole road is pedestrianised?
- Are South Glos coming to the next Town Meeting in October?
- Could the speed be reduced to 10mph, not 20mph?
- Could additional signage be put in to restrict cyclists to 10mph also?
- How can buses come back if bus shelters are not allowed – people want them?
- What is being done to address that loading bays are not big enough for large delivery lorries?
- How secure is the WECA funding for this project?
- To increase biodiversity and aesthetics, are we having trees as well as planters?
- What is being done to sort out the clumsy design by The Malthouse pub?
- What is being done to sort out the issue for people using the disabled parking spaces having to reverse into The Close to get out?
- Why have we not got a Master Plan for Thornbury like the one done for Yate?
- Why is the traffic not being looked at more holistically?
- Is the funding time limited – is that why these plans are being rushed through?

After general discussion and the answering of questions, Donna was thanked for her attendance and left, along with Cllrs Fielding, Symonds, Parkinson and Harrison.

**6. TO CONSIDER THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS FOR:**

- a) Thornbury – Castle Court, High Street, The Close and The Plain – prohibition and restriction of waiting

A response would be formulated and submitted highlighting issues with school, pedestrian traffic, speed from The Plain into Castle Street, a possible taxi rank, clarification on artwork, and that the plans do not reflect the changing demographic of Thornbury, particularly those in the new housing estates.

- b) Thornbury – High Street – Designated Disabled Loading Place

A response would be formulated and submitted, stating that 3 hours is too long and a suggestion of 2 hours being better, which would be the same as the disabled parking in St. Mary Street car park. Where the scheme proposed to pedestrianise the area between the pump and the bank, it was suggested to make this a parking area instead.

- c) Thornbury – High Street – Proposed Designated Loading Place

A response would be formulated and submitted. Drop offs to charity shops should be allowed and encouraged. Signage needs to be clear for occasional visitors in addition to regular ones. It should be made clear it is a shared space.

- d) Thornbury – High Street – Proposed Prohibition of Driving

A response would be formulated and submitted. General communication from South Glos needs to be improved. Signage should be made clear.

- e) Thornbury – Various Roads – High Street Area

A response would be formulated and submitted. Councillors wanted to see a speed limit of 10mph on the High Street and 20mph enforced tightly on the surrounding roads.

**7. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SITE INSPECTION VISITS IN THE THORNBURY AREA**

Cllrs Tyrrell and Stansfield had both attended two site visits, one for the Cleve Park reserved matters where they had heard the dispute over housing heights. The decision on that one was now postponed as the case officer was ill. The other had been to do with three houses on Butt Lane near the cattery, where the development boundary was.

**8. TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE OF PLANNING AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

The applications were discussed and commented on, as per the attached schedule.

**9. TO NOTE THE SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS MADE BY SOUTH GLOS COUNCIL**

The decisions were noted.

**10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR THORNBURY**

The Clerk had sent a message to say that the plan was now with the examiner and the end date is 30.11.21. The examiner would then come back to us with her comments.

11. **TO CONSIDER AND AGREE AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

It was agreed to report that we had heard from South Glos Council on the details of their proposed Traffic Orders on the High Street and surrounding roads. Councillors had asked questions and fed back comments. It was acknowledged that the plans had come on a long way since the beginning but were still not joined up with other areas in the town.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered at the meeting of 21.09.2021

DATE	REF NO	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	COMMENT	PLANNING DECISION
04.09.21	<a href="#">P21/05897/F</a>	30 Hyde Avenue Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 1HZ	Erection of single storey rear extension with basement to form additional living accommodation.	No objection	
07.09.21	<a href="#">P21/05600/CLP</a>	19 Brookmead Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 2XG	Erection of first floor rear extension.	No objection, subject to neighbours' amenities not being compromised	
08.09.21	<a href="#">P21/05940/F</a>	Land At Milbury Heath Cuttsheath Road Buckover South Gloucestershire	Erection of 1no. self build dwelling with access, parking and associated works	Object - outside development boundary and intruding into the landscape	
09.09.21	<a href="#">P21/06016/TRE</a> (Adjoining parish)	The Chalet Thornbury Hill Alveston South Gloucestershire BS35 3LG	Works to fell 1 no. Horse Chestnut tree which is covered by SGTPO 17/16 and 20/07/2016	Object unless the Tree Officer confirms a need to be felled, that the tree will not recover and that the disease cannot be controlled by treatment or pruning. If the tree is felled, it must be replaced.	
09.09.21	<a href="#">P21/06066/F</a>	Larches Farm Tytherington Road Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 3TT	Change of use of part of agricultural field to a dog exercise paddock (Sui Generis) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).	No objection	
09.09.21	LI21/3054/STM	Butties Sandwich Bar (2)	To trade throughout South Glos	No objection	