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MINUTES OF PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Tuesday 26 August 2025 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Philippa Biddlecombe (Chair), Margaret Bebbington, Robert Brown, Gavin Crisp, David Gill, Judi Morison, Trevor Oats, Angela Piggott and Tom Trouton

In attendance: Lisa Davis

3 members of the public

Before the meeting started, Philippa Biddlecombe reminded all Councillors of the Civility and Respect pledge that has been approved by CCTC.

Open session

A resident reported that there was dissatisfaction about the reduction in the speed of traffic in the town following the introduction of the 20mph speed limit. They felt there was a need for all Town Councillors to understand that there is a speeding and traffic issue and that this should be a priority. A petition had been submitted to the Town Council with a suggestion that Speed Indicator Devices were installed along with better signage and a couple of pedestrian crossings. A request was made that other things are put aside to prove to the general public that the Town Council are doing something. The resident reported that a motorcyclist had been involved in an accident with a speeding car near the Methodist Church and there is a gang of youths speeding at 60-70mph along North Street at night.

The meeting started at 19:00

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PI01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Franes Alden, Linda Ball, Andrew Lane and Pek Peppin.

PI02 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).

There were no declarations of interest.

PI03 Approval of Minutes of Property & Infrastructure Committee meeting on Monday 28th April 2025

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed (7 – for, 0 – against, 2 – abstained) that the minutes of the meeting on 28th April be approved to be signed by the Chair at a later time.

PI04 Action points from previous meetings

PI05 Pavilion & Donald Pither Memorial Field

- a) **Update on Pavilion project** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that a really successful fundraising event had been held on Sunday with a very positive and enthusiastic response.

There is a new Football Club Committee and the members are re-energised and keen to be more involved.

- b) **To discuss re-opening of Catherines Close toilets for events only** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that a new door had been installed. It was agreed that the toilet would be opened on event days only. It was noted that on the Tuesday of the previous week there were over 90 people doing sport on the field (football, cricket and rounders).

PI06 Infrastructure

- a) **To discuss request from resident regarding footpath at Lodge Hill** It was agreed to contact The Newt regarding the request to re-open the footpath and encourage them to contact the resident who submitted the request.

Action 252608/1: Philippa Biddlecombe

- b) **To discuss letter received from resident regarding speeding issues in 20mph speed limit area** Angela Piggott reminded those present that the 20mph speed limit was implemented and paid for by Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council and requested that members of the public word things carefully as the Town Council appear to be under-fire to say that they do not do anything. Trevor Oats reported that the 20mph has had an effect, the data available to date suggests that 7.5% of the traffic on North Street/South Street is speeding. Tom Trouton reminded Councillors that a portion of the community want us to do everything but there is a need to spread our time and money. Robert Brown reported that unfortunately there is not the commitment from volunteers to support a Working Group and suggested that 15% of the Town Council budget should be allocated to traffic. Angela Piggott suggested that all data collected by the Traffic Working Group is gathered. Robert Brown suggested that a Steering Committee is set up to produce a rough brief for a consultant. It was agreed that the data collected by the Traffic Working Group would be collated and saved on Sharepoint, James Parkin would attempt to recruit additional SpeedWatch volunteers and the speeding/traffic issues would be discussed at the joint meeting with Ansford Parish Council to agree a recommendation for consideration.

Action 252608/2: Robert Brown

- c) **Update on fence at allotment** An update from the Allotment Association had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to follow up with the Allotment Association, SLR and the land owners.

Action 252608/3: Town Clerk

PI07 Market House

- a) **Update on Market House project** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that the decorating in the new kitchen is currently being completed and a programme of works had been agreed.
- b) **To discuss refurbishment of Museum entrance** It was agreed to defer this item and to discuss after the visit to Newton Abbot Museum had taken place on 9 September.
- c) **To consider quotes for roof repairs at the Market House** Only one quote had been received so it was agreed to defer this item and to discuss once further quotes were received. Angela Piggott agreed to contact companies to obtain quotes for the clock to be serviced and Robert Brown agreed to send electronic copies of the documents relevant to the clock to the Deputy Clerk

Action 25260/4: Angela Piggott

Action 252608/5: Robert Brown.

PI08 Speedwatch

- a) **Update on Community Speedwatch in Ansford / Castle Cary** It was noted that Ansford Parish Council had requested a separate scheme to be setup so there would no longer be a joint scheme.

- b) To discuss request from Ansford Parish Council for an additional SpeedWatch site and SID post in Castle Cary** Ansford Parish Council had confirmed that this was no longer required so there was no discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next meeting of the Properties and Infrastructures Committee will be held on Monday 27th October 2025 at 7.00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 16th October 2025.