

Droitwich Spa Town Council

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8 January 2018

You are hereby summoned to a Special Meeting of Droitwich Spa Town Council to be held in The Council Chamber, St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa on **Monday 15 January 2018 at 6.40pm** or at the close of the meeting of Resources Committee, whichever is the later.



Pam Craney
Town Clerk

NB

On the day Council will be preceded by meetings scheduled as follows:

- Planning Committee at 6pm;
- Community & Amenities Committee at 6.15pm; and
- Resources Committee at 6.30pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Town Council meeting. Time is set aside at 5.45 p.m. to receive views or questions on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration before the start of the Town Council meeting. Notice of these should be lodged with the Town Clerk by 1pm that same day at the latest. Members of the public may not take part in the Town Council meeting itself.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of interests
3. Pursuant to draft Minute No 187 (Appendix A) of the Special Meeting of Council on 18 December 2017, notification has been received under the provisions of Standing Order No 41 (Appendix B) as follows – “We the undersigned Town Councillors request that the Town Council’s endorsement of the documentation of the Neighbourhood Planning Group, as presented to Council on 18 December 2017 be rescinded.” The requisite number of councillors to request such action is 6 and this notice contains 13 signatures. The making of a resolution to this effect is therefore to be considered.

[Should rescission of this Minute be adopted then it is open to Council to reconsider the matter to give clarity to the Neighbourhood Planning Group]

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APPENDIX A - DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT– SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
18 DECEMBER 2017

187 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP - DOCUMENTATION

Pursuant to Minute No 118, Council meeting 25 September 2017, Council reviewed documentation pertinent to the Neighbourhood Planning Group as follows:

- a) Budget
- b) Grant Application
- c) Statement of Intent – S Griffiths

In addition the following quotations from Neighbourhood Planning Consultancies sent to Councillor R J Morris 3 October 2017 had been circulated to all councillors:

- Avon Planning Services
- Cass Associates
- Kirkwells

Councillor Mrs S Harris advised that she wished to discuss matters of a personal, financial and legal nature and proposed that the press and public be now excluded from the meeting under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by virtue of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involved such matters. This was seconded by Councillor G R Brookes. Councillors Morris and Noyes advised that this was not necessary and that all matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan would benefit from observation and scrutiny and Councillor Morris referred to the three members of the Group in attendance at the meeting (namely Mr J Armstrong, Mrs K Hamilton and Mr P Hawkins).

Upon being put to the vote, the motion to exclude the public and press was declared lost.

Thereafter Council considered matters pertaining in particular to the Statement of Intent, liability and the Grant Application. In response to questions Councillor Morris advised upon volunteer involvement and analysis by the Group of the quotations from the planning consultants obtained by the Town Clerk.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor R J Morris, seconded by Councillor T J Noyes, and

RESOLVED That the documentation as now presented and pertinent to the Neighbourhood Planning Group be approved, namely:

- a) Budget
- b) Grant Application
- c) Statement of Intent – S Griffiths

There voting For – 9, Against – 0 with 4 Abstentions.

[Councillors Mrs C Bowden, G R Brookes, Mrs S Harris and W T Moy requested that their abstention from voting be so recorded.]

APPENDIX B - EXTRACT FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS

RECISION OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

41.
 - i. A decision (as opposed to a recommendation) (whether affirmative or negative) of the Council or Committee or Sub-Committee shall not be reversed within six months save by a special resolution, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least one third of the membership of the Council or Committee or Sub-Committee.
 - ii. When a special resolution has been disposed of, no similar resolution may be moved within a further six months.
 - iii. This Order shall not apply to rescinding resolutions moved in pursuance of the report or recommendation of a committee.