

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, St Richards House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, on Monday 5 June 2017 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor T J Noyes (Chairman)
Councillor S Best (Mayor)
Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor R E Murphy

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors G Duffy, L Evans, Mrs S Harris, A H Laird, W T Moy, A Roberts and Mrs K Tomalin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Ms J H Bolton, Mrs A Hawkins and R J Morris (committee members).

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors S Best, G R Brookes, Mrs S Harris and T J Noyes each declared a non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5(a) – Planning Applications Nos 17/00645/LB and 17/00644/HP – St Peter’s Barn, St Peter’s Church Lane, WR9 7AN inasmuch as they knew the Applicant.

12 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Details of the Membership, Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the Committee, as determined at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 15 May 2017, were noted.

13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 APRIL 2017

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED That the comments of the Planning Committee upon the planning applications received from Wychavon District Council, appended as a schedule to these Minutes, be approved.

15 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

16 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued six approval notices, all but three of which had not accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. One refusal notice had been issued which similarly did not accord with the recommendation of the Town Council. The Town Clerk advised of the details.

The Committee noted the following:

- Withdrawal of Planning Application W/16/03043/OU - Mrs Rudd, Outline planning application for a single storey building to be constructed in Droitwich Lido Park adjacent to the existing lido to include a dual purpose brine bath, jacuzzi and café, Lido Park, Worcester Road. The application had been withdrawn by the Applicant on 3 May 2017.
- Withdrawal of Planning Application W/16/03053/PN – Mr & Mrs H Hyett, Demolition of bungalow and erection of 2 number houses and alterations to access, 22 Tagwell Road WR9 7BN. The application had been withdrawn by the Applicants on 3 April 2017.

17 EX-COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P E DAVEY – LOCAL WARD MEMBER MONIES: STATIC VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS) AND TREE PLANTING

In accordance with Minute No 143(1) Planning Committee meeting 17 October 2016 a static VAS was now sited in Lyttleton Road and Local Ward monies had been received from Worcestershire County Council. This sum also included an additional sum in the region of £1,200 which Ex-County Councillor Mrs P E Davey had allocated for the replacement of trees in Victoria Road (this being similar to the amount set aside by County Councillor A Miller for replacement trees in York Avenue). Negotiations were taking place between the local residents' group and Worcestershire County Council and the sum of money earmarked for this use.

The Chairman paid tribute to the investment that the individual County Councillors had put into the Town via use of their Local Ward monies over the previous years and hoped that this would continue with the newly-elected County Councillors.

He further advised upon emailed comments received from Councillor R J Morris as to the possibility or otherwise of installing a VAS on Worcester Road by Falsam Pits. It was noted that the traffic lights at the various junctions and crossings were the main factors limiting positioning on Worcester Road. The matter of speeding had been drawn to the attention of the Safer Roads Partnership but the perceptions of the public in this regard was different to that actually recorded.

18 TELEFONICA – PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION

The details were noted, including the options for location of the Base Station Installation.

Councillor G R Brookes advised upon the siting of the preferred location in Bromsgrove Road, being close to the Vines Lane/bridge area. It was noted that a planning notification was expected in due course.

No further comments were made.

19 HIGH STREET PUBLIC REALM SCHEME – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The Committee reviewed drawings, comments thereon having been requested by 9 June 2017:

- 2016-889-101 – Paving Improvements, Public Realm, Lining and Signing.
- 2016-889-102 – Proposed Waiting Restrictions.

The proposals in this area had been developed to supplement the construction of the Droitwich High Street Public Realm Scheme, changes were minimal, and in summary consisted of the addition of double yellow lines to allow for the installation of the build outs. The majority of the waiting restrictions were to remain as currently.

The elements of S.122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 had also been utilised as in the development of these Traffic Regulation Orders.

RESOLVED That the proposed waiting restrictions be supported and the making of the relevant Order(s) be endorsed.

The meeting ended at 6.32pm.

Chairman of Committee
03 July 2017

Chairman of Council
19 June 2017