

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 4 August 2014 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R E Murphy (Chairman)
Councillor T J Noyes (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor G R Brookes (Ex-officio)
Councillor Mrs P E Davey
Councillor E Harwood
Councillor K J Jennings
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley
Councillor R G Seabourne

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale and Mrs G Noyes.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor R J Morris (committee member) also Councillors M C J Barratt, P Pinfield, A M Sinton and Mrs E A Taft.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS
There were none.

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At the appropriate point in the meeting, declarations of non-prejudicial interest were made by individual Councillors in Agenda Item 4(a) – Planning Applications as follows:

- Councillor T J Noyes: W/14/01428/PN – Festival Housing Ltd
- Councillor R G Seabourne: W/14/01157/PP – Mrs A Culpitt
- Councillor Mrs P E Davey: W/14/01510/PN – The Governors of St Peter’s C of E First School

81 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 JUNE 2014

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82 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.

83 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no amended planning applications.

84 CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING PLANNING APPLICATION W/14/01312/PN – LAND ADJACENT 19 BRANTWOOD CLOSE

The Chairman had requested that this correspondence be reviewed, for information.

85 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

It was noted that Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued six approval notices, all but one of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. One refusal notice had been issued and this accorded with the recommendation of the Town Council.

86 RAVEN HOTEL DEVELOPMENT – FURTHER CONSULTATION

The Committee noted that following the public meeting on 10 July 2014 Origin3 would be undertaking a further public consultation exercise in the Council Chamber on Thursday 7 August, 1pm to 8.30pm with the first hour of the event (1pm - 2pm) being a private session for Councillors. Councillor Brookes urged Members to attend and in response to a question from Councillor R G Seabourne he advised that the opportunity to make individual views known should be taken. There was the possibility that amended plans would be submitted, dependent upon comments received by the Developers.

87 SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN [SWDP] – REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND A BRIEFING SESSION AT WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Nominations were requested to attend the Parish and Town Council briefing sessions on either Monday 22 September or Thursday 25 September from 6pm – 7:30pm at the Council Chamber, Pershore. This was in advance of the Wychavon District Council meeting on 30 September 2014 taking the SWDP forward to the next stage.

It was noted that ‘dual-hatted’ Members of the Town Council would receive their briefing in their role as District Councillors in due course.

RESOLVED

That the following Councillors be nominated to attend the Briefing Session at Wychavon District Council upon the South Worcestershire Development Plan:

Monday 22 September – Councillor R Murphy

Thursday 25 September – Councillor R G Seabourne.

88 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MINERALS LOCAL PLAN: CALL FOR SITES

Worcestershire County Council was calling for information by 22 August 2014 on preferred locations for aggregate extraction in Worcestershire. This followed the Second Stage Consultation on the emerging Minerals Local Plan for Worcestershire.

The Committee was advised upon the latest information as to priority arrangements and requirements for sites, together with government guidance.

It was noted that sites put forward would be in the public domain and consulted upon as part of the draft plan intended for submission to the Secretary of State for Examination later this year.

The Committee made no comment upon the document.

Prior to the close of the meeting the following items were mentioned:

Councillor K Jennings: Advertisement in the Droitwich Advertiser concerning the emerging proposals for an online public consultation exercise for land at Chawson Lane from 4 – 18 August 2014 at www.gva.co.uk/chawsonlane

Councillor G R Brookes: Sainsbury's Local, Worcester Road, both his arrangements to meet with representatives from Sainsbury's and the enforcement investigation.

The Town Clerk advised that these items would come before the Committee in due course.

The meeting ended at 6.53pm.

Chairman of Committee _____
8 September 2014

Chairman of Council _____
29 September 2014