

# 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 9 February 2015 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R E Murphy (Chairman)  
Councillor G R Brookes (Ex-officio)  
Councillor J F Cook  
Councillor Mrs P E Davey

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale, P J Pinfield and Mrs E A Taft.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor T J Noyes (Vice-Chairman), E Harwood, Mrs M A Lawley, K Jennings and R J Morris (committee members) also Councillors M C J Barratt, Mrs L Hobson and A M Sinton.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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## 224 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At the appropriate point in the meeting, Councillor J Cook declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(a) – Planning Applications: W/14/02812/OU inasmuch as the site backed on to the property he lived in.

## 225 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 226 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

*[Councillor J Cook had declared an interest in Planning Applications: W/14/02812/OU as reported in Minute No 224 above. He took no part in the discussion upon this application.]*

During consideration of Planning Applications W/14/02829/OU – Variation of Condition 6 of Planning Approval W/10/02896/OU etc, William Davis Limited and W/14/02812/OU Outline planning application for residential development of up to 163 dwellings (C3 Use Class) with all matters reserved, UK Land and Development, Parish Councillor Mrs B Meddings, Vice-Chairman of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council attended the meeting and advised upon her Parish Council's main concerns for submission to Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority. It was noted that the parish Council had arranged for a public display of the plans in Salwarpe Village Hall on 6 February assisted by the Town Council. Also the Town Clerk reported the written comments received from Councillor R J Morris objecting to the applications.

Following on from the presentation from Parish Councillor Mrs Meddings and in addition:

With regard to W/14/02829/OU the Committee noted that the application if approved would permit 150 houses to be built before the highway changes were made. It was considered imperative that the required infrastructure was in place and all highways improvements completed. Councillors Mrs P E Davey and G R Brookes cited the situation at Hanbury Road as an example whereby the highways works had not been completed prior to occupation of the properties and regretfully were still outstanding.

RESOLVED

1. That Wychavon District Council be advised that the Town Council objects strongly to Planning Application W/14/02829/OU – Variation of Condition 6 of Planning Approval W/10/02896/OU etc, William Davis Limited. The proposal is totally unacceptable as the infrastructure is required to be in place before any building takes place and therefore the highway works should be completed before any other works are commenced on site.

With regard to W/14/02812/OU the Committee noted that the site had not been identified for development within the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) nor within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). Wychavon District Council had confirmed that it considered it had the five year housing land supply (5YHLS) as required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to 31 March 2019.

For this reason the Committee considered that the application was premature.

RESOLVED

2. That Wychavon District Council be advised that the Town Council considers Planning Application W/14/02812/OU - Outline planning application for residential development of up to 163 dwellings (C3 Use Class) with all matters reserved, UK Land and Development - to be premature given that the site had not been identified for development within the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) nor within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).
3. That the Town Council fully supports Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council in its very strong objections to the application.

Thereafter, it was

RESOLVED

4. 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.

227 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
There were none.

It was noted that Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued six approval notices, all of which had accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. No refusal notices had been issued.

In addition Councillor G R Brookes gave an update following the Town Council's objections to Planning Application W/14/02610 – Proposed 2 no Affordable Bungalows with Associated Site Access and Infrastructure, Garage Block site, Pridzor Close, Festival Housing/Fortis Living. The application had yet to be determined but should it be proposed for approval by the Planning Officer then he would request, as District Local Ward Member, that the application be considered by the full Committee.

The Committee noted that the following applications had been withdrawn:

- W/14/02769/PP – Mr & Mrs G Ainge, Conversion & Extension of roof to form first floor accommodation and associated alterations, 28 Penrice Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8NS. The Application was withdrawn 19 January 2015.
- W/14/02552/PN – L. L. M. Developments and Mr & Mrs Reynoldds, Demolition of redundant buildings & erection of 5 no. one bedroom flats together with the conversion of existing first floor storage space to 1 no. one bedroom flat, 1 Queen Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8LA. The application was withdrawn 26 January 2015.
- W/14/01198/PN - Elmsvyne Ltd, Proposed erection of six apartments replacing three town houses approved under reference W/10/01566/PN, 5-7 Hanbury Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8PL. The application was withdrawn 2 February 2015.

Pursuant to the meeting held on 12 January 2015, the Committee noted for information Wychavon District Council's Consultation Process for Planning Applications.

229 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF WIDTH OF FOOTPATH DW-569 (PART), DROITWICH – PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The Committee noted this matter for information only, having been considered previously at the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 7 July 2014. The area in question concerned the footpath being the continuation of Westlands Walk (ie at the rear of 11 - 19 East Park Drive). The Extinguishment Order was to enable the replacement of a retaining wall which was currently in a dangerous condition and referred only to part of the width of the footpath DW-569 (formerly Footpath No 31). The Committee requested that the lack of adequate road names on the plan be drawn to the attention of Worcestershire County Council.

230 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PUBLIC NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (B4065 BROMSGROVE ROAD, DROITWICH) (TEMPORARY ORDER) 2015

The details were noted.

The meeting ended at 6.39pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
9 March 2015

Chairman of Council .....  
23 February 2015