

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 18 January 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R E Murphy (Chairman)
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor Mrs A Hawkins
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley
Councillor T J Noyes

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors S Best, Mrs C A Bowden, Mrs S Harris, A H Laird, A Roberts, A M Sinton and Mrs K Tomalin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors R G Beale (Ex-officio), Ms J H Bolton (Vice-Chairman) and R J Morris, committee members.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – Appended.

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195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T J Noyes advised that he was a member of Wychavon District Council's Planning Committee and also declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(b) Amended Planning Applications – W/15/02255/PN and Agenda Item 5 – Pridzor Close – Development of Garage Site, inasmuch as he was a representative on Fortis Living.

196 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 7 December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

197 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.

198 AMENDED 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.

199 PRIDZOR CLOSE – DEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE SITE: APPEAL REF APP/H1840/W/15/3010669 & W/14/02610/P – GARAGE BLOCK, PRIDZOR ROAD WR9 8LH – FORTIS LIVING

[Councillor T J Noyes had declared an interest in this item, see Minute No 195 above]

Pursuant to Minute No 168 Planning Committee meeting 7 December 2015, and others, an update had been received previously from Mr S J Dudley, Managing Director SJD Architects & Developments Ltd on behalf of Fortis Housing. He had advised that a meeting with Mrs V Stone, Planning Officer at Wychavon District Council was to be held on 9 December to discuss proposals. The results of that meeting were still awaited.

RESOLVED That the disappointment of the Town Council that it had not been informed as to whether there was any progress in this matter be noted formally and the applicant advised accordingly.

200 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued eight approval notices, all of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. No refusal notices had been issued.

201 DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

The Committee noted the Appeal Dismissal for Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/W/15/3129342, 1a Nellies Yard, 42 High Street, Droitwich, Worcestershire WR9 8ES, Mrs M Gandy. Application Ref W/14/02465/PN dated 24 October 2014 was refused by notice dated 5 March 2015.

RESOLVED That the Town Council welcomes the Appeal Decision and endorses any enforcement action taken by Wychavon District Council in this matter.

202 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL– ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON – DROITWICH) (PERMITTED PARKING AREA AND SPECIAL PARKING AREA) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2004 (VARIATION) ORDER 2016 [PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON OLD COACH ROAD, DROITWICH]

The information was noted, the Committee having supported the making of the Order at its meeting on 9 November 2015 (*Minute No 151 refers*).

203 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41540 HERITAGE WAY, DROITWICH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The details were noted.

The meeting ended at 6.33pm.

Chairman of Committee
8 February 2016

Chairman of Council
22 February 2016

Planning Committee 7 December 2015 - Public Questions

RE: W/15/02255/PN - PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF REDUNDANT GARAGE BLOCKS & ERECTION OF 6 NO AFFORDABLE HOUSES WITH ASSOCIATED SITE ACCESS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Haydn Lloyd, 11 The Butts

- 1. The amended plans appear to have been made exclusively to take into account the comments of Heritage Section, Wychavon, dated 3 December 2015 only with no amendments made to address the numerous concerns of residents, both tenants and owners. It is disappointing that the long-term detrimental effects of this development to the many residents on this estate are being ignored, in terms of access, safety, potential community relations and constant anxiety over being able to park again having left for work, shopping etc or when visitor are due to call*
- 2. It appears that the revised plans will reduce the proposed parking allocation further from 23 to 18, which will be grossly insufficient to meet the parking needs and some people will be forced to park on the main road, Celvestune Way. It also appears that the proposed development will be actually somewhat nearer our properties. It is very possible that the 6 houses will require more than their 1 allocated space, compounding the problem further.*

Julian Chaytor, 20 Camp Hill

I would like to lodge my objection to the revised plans of the above. Firstly the resiting of the dwellings. The houses will now be closer to the rear gardens of the existing properties of 14,16 and 18 Camp Hill making it even more difficult for the 2 occupants of 14 and 16 Camp Hill to get their cars out of their garages. If any of the new occupants have more than one car per house, they will obviously want to park them next to their property and then it will be impossible for the people above to get in or out of their garages at all. Secondly the number of car parking spaces has been reduced from 25 to 19. This is even less parking than was shown in the first set of plans and when we had the public consultation all the residents told the architects of the problems this will cause. They obviously have no intent of listening to the residents concerns. I am adding these points to the ones I already made on the 20th November 2015.

In addition members of the public in attendance at the session made the following comments:

Sonia Dutton, 20 Camp Hill: Matters are being changed that were not raised in the first place and the major concerns now are parking and access. The plans are not read very easily and it is now understood that one of the proposed properties will be for a disabled person.

Paulette Cook, 16 Camp Hill: Personally affected by the plans and there had been a deliberate attempt not to involve her. It was unsafe as there was the main road and railway near and her concerns have not been addressed.

Mr Owens, 13 Camp Hill: Garages had been demolished, despite recently being used for storage and rental was no longer being paid. Councillor T J Noyes advised that Fortis Living had agreed that those who rented garages would be offered an alternative. He suggested that the changes were substantial and that a new application should be made, with further consultation taking place.

The Chairman confirmed that further consideration should be given to the application and that he was sure that local Members would convey the concerns of the residents to Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority.