

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 31 July 2017 at 6.00pm.

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor R J Morris (committee member), also Councillors L Evans and A M Sinton.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – BRIEFING ON VELO BIRMINGHAM

Arrangements had been made by Councillor R J Morris for Mr Jon Fraser, Head of Transport at Worcestershire County Council, to brief Members on the latest arrangements for the Velo Birmingham closed road cycle event scheduled for 24 September 2017.

Mr Fraser advised upon the route changes and road closure timings, together with communication and safety arrangements plus access mitigation. The organisers, CSM, had put in place the necessary traffic management, stewarding and monitoring arrangements to enable the event to proceed safely. There were Safety Advisory Groups (with representation from emergency services and local highway authorities) specialising in safety of events for both the region and the county and both groups were currently satisfied with planning and progress to date.

More detailed information, which would include specific access solutions, was being finalised and would be shared with Parishes with the next week or so before being distributed locally.

Wherever possible those contacting CSM using the route@velobirmingham.com address would be advised of access solutions such as managed access, managed crossing points, escorted access where achievable, and alternative parking arrangements. However it was accepted that there would not be a solution for everyone.

In response to questions, Mr Fraser confirmed:

- there would be 15,000 cyclists of all standards;
- there would be no closure of the A442 road;
- some 800 stewards, motorcycle and car escorts were involved in marshalling the event;
- the road closure for the Droitwich area would be operational between 8.30am and 3.30pm thereafter any ‘stragglers’ would have to abide by normal traffic conditions;
- the event was not a race, it was for the individual entrants to raise charity funding, although it was accepted that the elite cyclists would be timed.

In conclusion he advised that any concerns not yet raised should be addressed to him or to the organisers via the www.velo.birmingham.com website as soon as possible and in any event by 14 August 2017, in accordance with the Worcestershire County Council (Velo Birmingham, Worcestershire) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions) (Special Event) Order 2017.

The Chairman thanked Mr Fraser for his attendance.

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77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

78 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 JULY 2017

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 5 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

With regard to Minute No 59, Councillor T J Noyes advised that he had received a number of objections from local residents to Application 17/01164/TC Proposed installation of a 15.0m monopole supporting 3 no antenna, 2 no dishes associated ground based equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto, Land at Junction of Tagwell Road and Worcester Road, CTIL & Vodafone Limited. He reported that the application had been withdrawn by the Applicant.

79 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.

80 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATION

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

81 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

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

The withdrawal of Planning Application W/16/02742/RM - Application for reserved matters following outline planning permission reference W/11/01073/OU for appearance, landscaping, layout (including the demolition of The Firs) and scale for 241 dwellings (Phase 1) including areas of open space not in accordance with condition 4 (Ref. W/15/01418/RM) with regard to drawing numbers, where changes are proposed to the

internal layout; materials and enclosure plans, Land North of Pulley Lane and, Newland Lane, Newland, Droitwich Spa, Miss G Hallam was noted by the Committee, the application having been withdrawn by the Applicant on 14 July 2017.

82 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – NORTH BANK, BERRY HILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DROITWICH - PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME ORDER

Drawing 2014-771-1 showed a proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Order on the east side of North Bank on Berry Hill Industrial Estate to assist Heavy Goods Vehicles in particular when turning from North Bank into the access road leading to the various units. The proposal was supported by the local member, County Councillor Richard Morris. Comments thereon had been requested by 1 August.

RESOLVED That the making of a Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Order on the east side of North Bank on Berry Hill Industrial Estate as shown in Drawing 2014-771-1 be supported.

83 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME ORDER – COLLEGE GREEN AND WORCESTER ROAD

Drawing 2017-668-1 showed a proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting Order on College Green around its junction with Worcester Road, following a request from the local County Councillor G R Brookes, and in response to complaints about obstructive parking around the junction. Views had been requested thereon by 10 August.

Councillor Brookes advised upon the details.

RESOLVED That the making of a Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Order on College Green around its junction with Worcester Road as shown in Drawing 2017-668-1 be supported.

84 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME ORDER – NEW CHAWSON LANE, COLFORD CLOSE, OAKLEIGH ROAD AND BARNS CROFT WAY

Drawing 2017-614-1 showed a proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting Order along New Chawson Lane, and around its junctions with Colford Close, Oakleigh Road and Barns Croft Way following a request from the local member as a result of complaints received from residents about obstructive and hazardous parking, making exiting the various junctions particularly difficult. Forward visibility was also reduced between Oakleigh Road and Barns Croft Way as a result of obstructive parking. These proposals had the support of the local member, County Councillor Richard Morris. Views had been requested thereon by 11 August.

RESOLVED That the making of a Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Order on Order along New Chawson Lane, and around its junctions with Colford Close, Oakleigh Road and Barns Croft Way as shown in Drawing 2017-614-1 be supported.

85 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME ORDER – KIDDERMINSTER ROAD

Drawing No 2016.998.2 showed a proposal to implement prohibition of waiting 'at any time' parking restrictions on a section of Kidderminster Road, to address problems largely generated by railway parking and to specifically prevent parking in the following areas:

- Narrowing under both railway bridges
- Junction of Kidderminster Road/Vines Lane
- Travis Perkins Entrance
- Road leading to roundabout with Salwarpe Road

The proposals were considered necessary to maintain the safe free flow of traffic. Comments had been requested thereon by 17 August.

RESOLVED That the making of a Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Order on Order a section of Kidderminster Road, as shown in Drawing 2016.998.2 be supported.

86 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (C2086 PULLEY LANE, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

The details were noted.

The meeting ended at 6.22pm.

Chairman of Committee
11 September 2017

Chairman of Council
25 September 2017