

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held by Conference Call on Monday 6 July 2020 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor G Duffy – Chairman
Councillor G Beale
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor E Bowden
Councillor GR Brookes
Councillor J Grady
Councillor RP Hopkins
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor WT Moy (Ex officio)

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs K Fellows, NR Griffiths, DJ Morris, RJ Morris, CM Murray & AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor DM Craigie.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none received.

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46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none received

47. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 JUNE 2020.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Meeting held by conference call.

48. 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.

49. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

50. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

- (a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 3 approval notices during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting which took place on 8 June 2020. Of these 1 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council

Planning Committee. There were 2 consultations which had no response from the Town Council due to the lock down & timescales between meetings.

(b) Refusal Notices: No refusal notices have been issued by Wychavon District Council during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 8 June 2020.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

51. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL.

Wychavon District Council confirmed on 13 March 2020 that planning reference 19/01679/OUT is subject to an appeal. The related Planning Inspectorate reference is APP/H1840/W/19/3241879. A further update received on 19 March 2020 advised that the scheduled hearing date for 31 March 2020 would be deferred until further notice due to the Coronavirus- COVID19 pandemic. The Planning Inspectorate updated that they would rearrange a hearing date with Wychavon District Council in due course. Further notification dated 15 June 2020 reported that the hearing was scheduled as a virtual event to take place on 29 June 2020. The decision will be published at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
[Notification attached with agenda]

RESOLVED That the information be noted

52. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Temporary relaxation of regulations to allow shops to use pavement in front for business purposes. To support retailers to start to reopen work has been ongoing to enable some businesses to use some pavement space in front of their premises, where appropriate and safe to do so. This regulatory regime falls under the responsibility of Worcestershire County Council. Guidance notes have been produced by Worcestershire Regulatory Services and are attached for information. As previously updated any new requests from retailers should be referred to WRS in the first instance in order to facilitate an assessment of individual requirements, site suitability, accessibility and social distancing requirements. *[Details attached to agenda for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

53. WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES

Worcestershire Regulatory Services 21 May 2020. Application received on behalf of Wychavon District Council for mobile street trading consent to be granted. Proposal from Mr Grzegorz Boron to undertake mobile hot food and refreshments trading in villages throughout the surrounding rural area in the proximity of Droitwich Spa. Any objections should be submitted by email by 22nd July 2020 to enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk quoting reference 20/02436/STRETR *[details attached with agenda for information]*.

Councillor GR Brookes commended Councillor RJ Morris for the work he had put in with Wychavon District Council collaborating with Worcestershire Regulatory Services on this matter in order to support local businesses towards a resumption of trading following the Pandemic restrictions.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

54. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT

As an additional business item for the agenda. Pursuant to minute reference 30 of the Full Meeting of Council convened by Audio Conference Call on 15 June 2020 the following amendment to the Membership of the Planning Committee was considered to be effective until the next scheduled review in May 2021.

“To appoint the Council’s Standing Committees for the ensuing year together with the Chairmanship of each and their Working Parties and Panels. During the onset of Covid 19 and the lockdown restrictions in April 2020 a consensus was reached through the Leader that these would remain unchanged for now. Councillor AM Sinton requested that any Members wishing to change membership positions on any Committees speak with him separately. There were no questions arising.”

For Councillor EJ Bowden to step down from the Planning Committee and be replaced by Councillor Mrs K Fellows.

RESOLVED That the information be noted and Councillor EJ Bowden step down from the Town Council Planning Committee with immediate effect and be replaced by Councillor Mrs K Fellows.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Chairman of Committee
27 July 2020

Chairman of Council
28 September 2020