

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 10 June 2019 at 6.00pm.

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors, Mrs C Bowden, Mrs JM Chaudry, DM Craigie , Mrs K Fellows, NR Griffiths, AH Laird, DJ Morris, RJ Morris and CM Murray.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None,

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr James Jackson resident of 65 Drovers Way, WR9 9DA & Mr Chris Kirk resident of 67 Drovers Way both attended to raise concerns with regard to planning applications scheduled under reference numbers 19/00738/FUL & 19/00786/FUL. In general discussion various concerns were raised through the Chairman including building height levels outside agreed parameters, loss of privacy , overlooking windows, surface water run- off, risks of flooding and land slippage and general anti-social behaviour attributed to the development. Concern was also drawn towards the unsatisfactory approach and inferior levels of cooperation encountered through Wychavon District Council planning officers and the Enforcement Team .The Chairman thanked both gentleman for their input and explained that case reference 19/00786/FUL was already approved by WDC as the Local Planning Authority. Their concerns presented had been noted and would be considered when formulating a consultation response for open case reference 19/00738/FUL later in the meeting.

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10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor AM Sinton declared a non- pecuniary interest in application reference 19/01135/HP-76 Cockshute Hill, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7QP, the property being adjacent to the land holding sold for new development by the Town Council for which the sale completed on 16 January 2019.

11. TO CONFIRM THE MEMBERSHIP & CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Membership and Chairmanship of the Committee was noted as determined at the Annual Council meeting on 13 May 2019.

12. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 APRIL 2019.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. 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.

14. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

15. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

(A) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 12 approval notices. 6 of which had no Town Council consultation response owing to the restricted timetable of Committee meetings in the period of purdah and the change in Administration. From those consultations submitted 2 decisions did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council and 4 did not. The Town Clerk read out details of the 4 cases attributed to planning reference numbers 19/00407/HP, 19/00338/OU, 19/00253/HP & 16/02240/OU.

(B) Refusal Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority has issued one refusal notice in the intervening period since the last DSTC Planning Committee meeting held on 1 April 2019. The application reference number is 18/02414/FUL.

16. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Planning Inspectorate decision for Appeal Reference APP/H1840/W/18/3211837 for land adjacent Pridzor Road, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 8LQ is attached. The decision reached is appeal dismissed on 21 May 2019. The making of the order was noted.

17. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Planning Inspectorate decision for Appeal Reference APP/H1840/W/18/3219129 for 44 Corbett Avenue, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 7BE is attached. The decision reached is appeal dismissed on 8 May 2019. Councillor RG Beale mentioned that this decision had been well received by neighbours who were relieved by the outcome. The making of the order was noted.

18. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED WARNING SIGNS (VAS)

To note that A meeting took place between a delegation of the Town Council (comprising Councillor RJ Morris, Councillor AM Sinton and the Town Clerk with Mr Robert Haynes representing the West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership on 13 March 2019. This followed referral of various concerns about speeding on roads in and around Droitwich Spa. The partnership reported on various traffic survey and data capture activity carried out in response to the concerns that had been registered. Currently two roads do present concern with regard to the volumes of traffic including off peak times which regularly exceed the 30 mph limit in place. To this effect additional VAS positioning licences have been obtained through collaboration with the WCC Highways Officer for suitable fixing poles on Salwarpe Road and Primsland Way (vicinity of Tesco precinct). Two of the existing portable VAS units will be relocated shortly to these positions and serviced on the regular fortnightly maintenance cycle. The Town Clerk confirmed the aforementioned relocations had been completed on 7 June 2019.

Councillor RJ Morris agreed that there had been a general increase for incidents of speeding locally and the Safer Roads Partnership had recently undertaken some enforcement measures on Primsland Way. The offer of some WCC Divisional fund monies was pledged towards the purchase of a further portable VAS. Councillor RP Hopkins expressed the opinion that the most effective VAS signs were the numeric speed display version currently in place on Ombersley Way adjacent the intersection with Briar Mill. The Town Clerk explained that this particular sign was not owned or

maintained by the Town Council and was of the more expensive design. The Town Clerk confirmed that costings for the different versions of portable VAS would be collated for further consideration at a forthcoming Planning Committee meeting. Councillor RP Hopkins expressed concern regarding speeding traffic and vulnerable persons crossing the road in the vicinity of Westwood Road and its intersections with Hunters Way and Park Way. The Town Clerk explained that this was not a location where currently an approved VAS positioning licence had been requested or issued through WCC Highways. To this effect a request will be arranged to work collaboratively with the Highways Officer to assess the location for suitability with confirmation to follow through Planning Committee in due course.

Councillor WT Moy expressed concern that a meeting had taken place with the Safer Roads Partnership without the wider involvement of other Town Councillors. Councillor Moy requested a more collaborative approach in the future to ensure different areas & wards of the Town had fair VAS coverage.

19. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Waiting at any time order. A proposal has been received to extend the current double yellow lines on the north west side of New Chawson Lane in Droitwich Spa. This follows complaints received about obstructive parking which is causing visibility issues, particularly with regard to the pedestrian crossing point. The local County Council Ward Member – Councillor RJ Morris fully supports the making of the proposed order. The making of the order was noted.

20. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (as amended) - Prohibition of waiting at any time for Station Street (north east side), Droitwich Spa. The Order is effective from 23 May 2019. The making of the order was noted.

21. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Road Traffic Act 1984 (as amended). A442 Torton to Hampton Lovett - 50 mph speed limit , Order 2010 revocation & A442 Droitwich Road Hartlebury, Elmley Lovett , Rushock , Elmbridge , Hampton Lovett and Stone 40 mph and 50 mph speed limits 2019. The Order is effective from 23 May 2019. The making of the order was noted.

22. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Road Traffic Act 1984 (as amended). Prohibition of waiting on Netherwich Gardens and Honeymans Gardens, Droitwich Spa. The Order is effective from 23 May 2019 to prohibit waiting at any time on Netherwich Gardens (both sides) and Honeymans Gardens (north side). The making of the order was noted

23. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

1. Event to offer information on Yew Tree Hill and Pulley Lane Developments. Local residents are invited to attend a public consultation session at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre on Worcester Road on Tuesday 11 June 2019 between 7pm & 9pm. The meeting date and arrangements were noted.

The meeting closed at 7.08 pm.

Chairman of Committee
1 July 2019

Chairman of Council
17 June 2019

