

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held by Zoom Virtual Format on Monday 11 January 2021 at 6.00pm.

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors E Bowden, Mrs JM Chaudry, DM Craigie, NR Griffiths, DJ Morris, RJ Morris, CM Murray & AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mrs Sproston a resident of Goldcrest Way attended during public participation to raise points with regard to Application Reference 20/02735/RM – Land off Woodland Way, Droitwich Spa. Concern was expressed towards the extent of the reserved matters proposed and disappointment with regard to public notification as part of the Consultation process. The Chairman and Councillor GR Brookes explained that the reserved matters were in connection with previously granted outline planning permission for further residential development. This approach would normally see the supporting reserved matters element of any proposals to be delegated to the WDC Planning Department for consideration rather than referral to the full WDC Planning Committee. The reserved matters in this case covered retail units and connected infrastructure. The Town Clerk explained that the Consultation process was the responsibility of the local Planning Authority ,in this case Wychavon District Council and this determined statutory consultees which included other Authorities , for example WCC, WRS , Drainage , Conservation and DSTC. Local press notices were qualified to be the preferred option for wider public notification and only immediate neighbouring properties to the proposed development site were generally included within the formal consultation process. Nevertheless it was explained that any resident could register comments for planning applications through accessing the Wychavon Planning online portal. This was acknowledged and Mrs Sproston confirmed that a response had been posted by her husband using the portal. Mrs Sproston expressed appreciation to Members for the clarification and remained as an observer for the main part of the following DSTC Planning Committee meeting.

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190. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor RJ Morris (non- member of Committee) declared a non- pecuniary interest in application 20/01779/FUL- King George Playing Fields, Briar Mill, Droitwich Spa as an Executive Board Member of Wychavon District Council within the remit of promises and strategy. Councillor GR Brookes also declared a non –pecuniary interest in the same application due to the Town Council lead Community Legacy Application for the associated Sports Pavilion, adding that all DSTC Elected Members should register the same.

Councillor AM Sinton (non- member of Committee) declared a non- pecuniary interest in application 20/02654/FUL –Government Buildings , Worcester Road due to family members living nearby.

The Chairman and the Town Clerk reminded any Elected Members affiliated to the Neighbourhood Planning Group that they should also declare an interest in application 20/02654/FUL given that the applicant was a member of the NHP Group. Councillor A Humphries then registered a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the NHP Group and designated Town Council representative. With this regard it was noted that Councillor RP Hopkins and Councillor CM Murray (non-member of Committee) had exited the online meeting at this point. Neither declared any interest for application 20/02654/FUL when re-joining later.

Through contacting the Leader on Saturday 23 January 2021, Councillor A Humphries requested the following addition. That Councillor RP Hopkins & Councillor CM Murray had exited and later re-joined the meeting due to technical problems.

191. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2020.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 7 December 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Meeting held by Zoom facility.

192. 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.

193. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none received

194. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

- (a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 12 approval notices during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting which took place on 7 December 2020. Of these 7 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee, 1 did not accord and the remaining 4 had no responses, having been received during the period devoid of any Town Council Planning Meetings.
- (b) Refusal Notices: No refusal notices had been issued by Wychavon District Council during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 7 December 2020.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

195. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL

Notification of Planning Appeal dated 8 December 2020. Planning Inspectorate Reference APP/H1840/W/20/3262139. For the application to erect two dwellings on land at 6 Ombersley Road, Droitwich Spa. Related Planning application reference 20/00055/OUT. All connected correspondence can be accessed on the Wychavon Planning portal at www.wychavon.gov.uk quoting the application reference. Any further representations must be lodged by 12 January 2021. *[details attached for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

196. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING TRAINING.

Wychavon District Council – Planning Training. Sessions covering various aspects of the Planning process have been arranged for District Members and these have recently been extended to Town and Parish Councillors. Further online sessions are scheduled in January and March 2021. Details and invitations to participate will continue to be issued to all Town Council Elected Members as the training continues this year. The attached papers were originally circulated in December 2020 and include useful information based on frequently asked questions & answers arising from planning applications and WDC Planning Committee. The Town Clerk updated that the March date had now been deferred to April and that Elected Members registered for the training would be kept updated of the arrangements. *[Details attached to agenda for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

197. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(as amended). Permitted parking area and special parking area. Disabled Persons parking place on Farrier Close, Droitwich Spa. Information, copy of draft order and location plan attached.*[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

198. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(as amended). Permitted parking area and special parking area. Prohibition of waiting on West Street, Droitwich Spa adjacent the junction of Albert Street. Information, copy of draft order and location plan attached.*[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

199. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(as amended) - section 14. Notification of the temporary closure of Black Friars Avenue, Droitwich Spa to enable carriageway patching works. Anticipated timescale is a maximum of 5 days from 25 January 2021. Information, copy of draft order and location plan attached. *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.32 pm.

Chairman of Committee
08 February 2021

Chairman of Council
25 January 2021