

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 4 July 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Chairman)
Councillor R Murphy (Ex-officio)
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor R J Morris
Councillor T J Noyes

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale, S Best, A H Laird and A Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Ms J H Bolton (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A Hawkins and Mrs M A Lawley (committee members), also Councillor Mrs S Harris.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – There were none.

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63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T J Noyes declared an interest in Agenda Item 4a – Planning Applications: W/16/01367/PP and W/16/01402/PN inasmuch as he knew the applicants.

64 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor R E Murphy requested that he address the Committee and the Chairman invited him to speak. Councillor Murphy advised upon the approval of Planning Application W/16/00714, erection of fence around site perimeter, 2 Spa Road, Droitwich Spa WR9 8RG.

Councillors Best and Humphries referred to the need for 'double yellow lines' (indicating prohibition of waiting at any time) to be painted/reinstated as soon as possible, the situation at Blackfriars Avenue being cited. Councillor G R Brookes advised upon the consultative role of the Highways Authority (Worcestershire County Council) in the determination of planning applications by the Local Planning Authority (Wychavon District Council). *[See also Minute No 69 below.]*

Councillor Murphy also requested that those councillors who had not yet sent in their forms to attend his Mayor's Sunday Lunch at Droitwich Golf Club on 24 July 2016 do so by the end of the week to enable details to be sent to the Golf Club and the seating plan arranged.

65 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JUNE 2016

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

66 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.

67 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.

68 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued five approval notices, all of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. One refusal notice had been issued to which the Town Council had no objection to the original application. The Town Clerk advised of the details.

69 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41704 KIDDERMINSTER ROAD, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

[See also Minute No 64 above.]

The information was noted. In response to a question from Councillor T J Noyes the Town Clerk advised that all UK roads (excluding motorways) are numbered and categorised.

For information these categories were as follows:

- A roads – major roads intended to provide large-scale transport links within or between areas.
- B roads – roads intended to connect different areas, and to feed traffic between A roads and smaller roads on the network.
- Classified unnumbered – smaller roads intended to connect together unclassified roads with A and B roads, and often linking a housing estate or a village to the rest of the network. Similar to ‘minor roads’ on an Ordnance Survey map and sometimes known unofficially as C roads.
- Unclassified – local roads intended for local traffic. The vast majority of roads in the UK fell within this category.

Arising from Minute No 64 above and in response to general concerns, it was

RESOLVED That Worcestershire County Council, as Highways Authority, be requested to make arrangements for ‘double yellow lines’ (indicating prohibition of waiting at any time) to be painted/reinstated as soon as possible thereafter following the approval of any relevant Order or highway works.

70 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41701 KIDDERMINSTER ROAD, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The information was noted.

71 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41708 LEDWYCH ROAD, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The information was noted.

72 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41544 ST ANDREWS STREET, DROITWICH SPA)(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The information was noted.

The meeting ended at 6.25pm.

Chairman of Committee
1 August 2016

Chairman of Council
26 September 2016