

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 6 June 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Chairman)
Councillor R Murphy (Ex-officio)
Councillor Ms J H Bolton (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor Mrs A Hawkins
Councillor A Humphries

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors S Best, Mrs A Hawkins, A H Laird, A Roberts and Mrs K Tomalin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mrs M A Lawley, R J Morris and T J Noyes (committee members), also Councillors L Evans, Mrs S Harris and A Sinton.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Membership, Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the Committee, as determined at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 16 May 2016, were noted.

13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 APRIL 2016

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 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.

15 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

16 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued thirteen approval notices, all of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. One refusal notice had been issued and the Town Clerk advised of the details.

The Committee noted that Planning Application W/15/00619/PN for the Erection of two detached dwellings, Land off Newland Drive, Mr & Mrs Siddle had been withdrawn by the Applicant on 29 April 2015.

The Committee received Notification of Appeal with reference to application W/13/02032/OU and Planning Inspectorate Ref:- APP/H1840/W/16/3148838. Appeal Start Date: 28/04/2016. Appellant(s) Name: Hill and Smith Holdings Plc Proposal: Outline planning application for up to 34 residential properties on land at Salwarpe Road (former Pipe Support Site) Droitwich. Site at: Pipe Supports Ltd, Salwarpe Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 9BH.

17 DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

The Committee noted Planning Inspectorate: Appeal Decision – APP/H1840/D/16/3144321, 1 West Park Drive, WR9 9HF Mr B Allen - application Ref W/15/03013/PP, dated 11 November 2015, was refused by notice dated 3 February 2016. The development proposed was the erection of timber outbuilding at rear of premises (retrospective). Appeal dismissed.

RESOLVED That the report be noted and Wychavon District Council's Enforcement Officers be requested to advise of progress in this matter.

18 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

The principle having already been agreed, the Committee was pleased to note that County Councillor Mrs L Duffy had used her Local Ward Member Budget to enable the purchase of a further VAS for use by the Town Council at Westwood Way and other suitably assessed locations. The item had been ordered via the Town Council to maintain the warranty and service contract for the equipment and then reimbursed by Worcestershire County Council.

RESOLVED That the report be noted.

19 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - SPA ROAD, MANNING ROAD, MILLER STREET, BLACKFRIARS AVENUE, DROITWICH - PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING 'AT ANY TIME'

The proposal was for the prohibition of waiting parking restrictions at the junctions of Manning Road & Miller Street and Spa Road & Blackfriars Avenue which now included restrictions at the junction of Manning Road & Burrish Street and fronting properties 47 to 53 Blackfriars Avenue. It was intended to remove parking in the immediate vicinity of these junctions, which was currently obstructing visibility and the free flow of traffic. Comments have been requested by 7 June 2016.

RESOLVED

1. That the making of the Order be supported.
2. That as the roads in this vicinity are very congested by parked cars Worcestershire County Council be requested to consider extending the Order to accommodate the area up to and including No 92 Blackfriars Avenue and to undertake a general review of this area.

20 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – B4090 HANBURY ROAD, DROITWICH – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING ‘AT ANY TIME’

The proposal was to prohibit waiting 'at any time' on a section of the B4090 Hanbury Road, concerns have been raised via County Councillor Davey regarding footway parking in the vicinity of the vets and funeral directors which obstructed the use of the footway, particularly for pedestrians with pushchairs etc. In the interests of maintaining the free flow of traffic on this busy 'B' road and to keep the footway clear of obstruction, a prohibition of waiting 'at any time' order was considered appropriate. Comments have been requested by 17 June 2016.

County Councillor Mrs P E Davey advised that the plan did not show the two mini-roundabouts and reported upon the current situation. The Town Clerk confirmed discussions with County Highways Officers regarding the verge on the north side of Hanbury Road.

RESOLVED

That the making of the Order be supported.

21 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A38 ROMAN WAY, DROITWICH) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2016

The information was noted.

22 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41531 HIGH STREET, DROITWICH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

Revisions had been made to this Order to accommodate the suspension of the works for the duration of the Food & Drink Festival. The details were noted.

23 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (TOWER HILL, DROITWICH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The information was noted.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm.

Chairman of Committee
04 July 2016

Chairman of Council
20 June 2016