

# 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 12 December 2016 at 6.00pm.

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors L Evans, A Laird and A Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mrs M A Lawley and R J Morris (committee members), and Councillors R G Beale, S Best, Mrs S Harris, A Sinton and Mrs K Tomalin.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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## 173 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs C A Bowden declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(a) – Planning Applications – W/16/02633/PP inasmuch as the applicants were her son’s in-laws.

## 174 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2016

Arising from consideration of Minute No 159 and with regard to W/16/01978/PN - Droitwich Police Station, Councillor G R Brookes reported upon a meeting with Mr Gary Williams, Head of Housing and Planning Services, Wychavon District Council. He confirmed:

- all planning officer teams had been briefed upon how the issues had arisen and the need for increased vigilance;
- the northern planning team had been advised to expect and to check if necessary that a response had been received from the Town Council to any planning application consultation;
- County Highways Officers had been advised of the concerns regarding the quality of information provided by them together with a request for their comments to be clear and specific;
- Local Ward Members were requested to respond to every application, even if the view was one of ‘no comment’.

Councillor Brookes also reported that County Highways Officers had confirmed that there were no highway safety concerns and had this been made clear at the time the application

had been considered then there would have been no valid planning reasons to refuse. Without such a reason then had the decision been made to refuse the application then probably the applicant would have appealed with an expected outcome of costs awarded against the District Council. It was unlikely that the outcome would have been any different. Lessons had been learned and procedures improved, which was the best that the Town Council could expect under the circumstances.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

175 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.

176 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

177 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued eleven approval notices, all but one of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. The Town Clerk advised of the details. No refusal notices had been issued.

The Committee noted the withdrawal of Planning Application W/16/02592/OU, William Davis Limited, Variation of condition 6 of planning approval W/10/02896/OU (Mixed use development with all matters reserved except access to provide 740 residential units (C3), employment premises (B1), local centre (A1, A3, A4 & A5) and associated infrastructure & ancillary works) in relation to off-site highway works. Not in accordance with condition 7 of ref: 14/02829/OU with regards to the requirement to provide a toucan crossing at the A38/Copcut Lane Junction. Land Between Roman Way and, Copcut Lane, Salwarpe. This application had been withdrawn by the Applicant on 15 November 2016.

Notification of Planning Appeal was reported: W/16/01692/PP & APP/H1840/D/16/3163151 Appeal Start Date - 29 November 2016, Mrs E Boulton, Replacement garage - part retrospective, Site at: 33 Albert Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8HP.

178 SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SWDP) – NOTIFICATION OF SWDP-RELATED CONSULTATION: PLANNING FOR HEALTH IN SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Committee was advised that formal consultation on a planning document supporting the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) commenced on 2 December 2016 until 27 January 2017. Comments were being sought on the draft Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which covered the South Worcestershire authorities of Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council (known collectively as the South Worcestershire Councils). It had been

prepared in partnership between the Strategic Planning Team and Directorate of Public Health at Worcestershire County Council and representatives from Planning Policy and Development Management teams within the three South Worcestershire Councils. The purpose was to provide guidance when planning for and creating healthier developments, whilst providing communities and organisations with greater support to take positive action to improve their health and wellbeing and encourage more positive forms of participation in healthier environments. The draft SPD complemented the SWDP and was for use by planners, health professionals and applicants/agents/investors/developers in conjunction with the policies of the SWDP. The consultation was part of a programme of work in the Local Development Scheme 2016-2019.

No comments were made thereon.

- 179 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON – DROITWICH) (PERMITTED PARKING AREA AND SPECIAL PARKING AREA (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2004 (VARIATION) ORDER 2016 [PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON B4090 HANBURY ROAD AND WINSLOW AVENUE, DROITWICH]

The information was noted.

- 180 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (C2143 NEW ROAD, DROITWICH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The details were noted.

- 181 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (YORK AVENUE, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The details were noted.

The meeting ended at 6.15pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
16 January 2017

Chairman of Council .....  
30 January 2017