

# 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 8 February 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R E Murphy (Chairman)  
Councillor R G Beale (Ex-officio)  
Councillor Ms J H Bolton (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor G R Brookes  
Councillor A Humphries  
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley  
Councillor T J Noyes

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors S Best, Mrs C A Bowden, A Roberts and Mrs K Tomalin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs A Hawkins, committee member and Councillors L Evans and Mrs S Harris.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

County Councillor Mrs P E Davey was very pleased to report upon the recent decision of Worcestershire County Council to allocate £500,000 for highways and drainage improvement works to High Street, liaising with Severn Trent Water Ltd and other stakeholders. The new Leader of the County Council, Councillor Simon Geraghty had accompanied Councillor Mrs Davey on a walk around the town centre and supported this decision which had been made against the background of difficult financial times for local government. Councillor Mrs Davey advised that public consultation had already taken place in 2013 and it was hoped that a good scheme would be drawn up which would satisfy the majority of the concerns and which would then be available for public comment and review. She suggested that the Town Council might wish to identify funding to enable additional enhancement works to be completed to complement the County Council's scheme. In response to questions she advised that it was hoped to progress the project as soon as possible albeit it had still to be designed. She invited anyone with concerns or enquiries to email her. Town Councillors were extremely pleased to hear of this news and thanked County Councillor Mrs Davey for her input.

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## 213 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

## 214 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

215 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.

216 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

217 PRIDZOR CLOSE – DEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE SITE: APPEAL REF APP/H1840/W/15/3010669 & W/14/02610/P – GARAGE BLOCK, PRIDZOR ROAD WR9 8LH – FORTIS LIVING (INCLUDES PLANNING APPLICATION NO W/15/02255/PN - LAND OFF, BOWER HILL, DROITWICH SPA – FORTIS LIVING)

Pursuant to Minute No 168 Planning Committee meeting 7 December 2015, and others, Councillors had received an emailed update on 19 January 2016 as set out in the agenda papers, which also addressed Planning Application No W/15/02255/PN - Land off, Bower Hill, Droitwich Spa – Fortis Living, Proposed demolition of redundant garage blocks & erection of 6no affordable houses with associated site access & infrastructure.

Councillor T J Noyes advised that in view of the amount of objections he had received from the public and in his role as Local Ward Member he had escalated the Bower Hill application for determination by the District Council's Planning Committee and had requested that a Site Visit be held prior to that meeting.

218 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued six approval notices and one refusal notice, all of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council.

219 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (A38 ROMAN WAY, DROITWICH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The details were noted. In response to a question County Councillor Mrs P E Davey advised upon the general procedures and arrangements followed by County Highways Officers for the finalising of carriageway reinstatement, which dependent upon settlement/location took place up to a year after the repairs.

220 WORCESTERSHIRE - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41531 HIGH STREET & FRIAR STREET, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE & TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY) ORDER 2016

The details were noted.

221 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41424 NEWLAND ROAD, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The details were noted.

The meeting ended at 6.16pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
7 March 2016

Chairman of Council .....  
22 February 2016