

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 9 March 2015 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R E Murphy (Chairman)
Councillor T J Noyes (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor G R Brookes (Ex-officio)
Councillor J F Cook
Councillor Mrs P E Davey
Councillor K Jennings
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs G Noyes, A M Sinton and Mrs E A Taft.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors E Harwood and R J Morris (committee members) also Councillors R G Beale and P J Pinfield.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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252 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

253 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

254 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.

255 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

256 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued six approval notices, three of which did not accord with the recommendations of the Town Council. The Town Clerk advised of the details. No refusal notices had been issued.

The Committee noted the Notification of Withdrawal of Planning Application W/14/02863/PN – Mr S Short, Amendment to planning reference W/13/01121/CU to alter design/appearance of two bedroom flat (retrospective), Everton House, 224 Worcester Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8AY. The application was withdrawn on 10 February 2015.

257 WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES: STREET TRADING APPLICATION

The Committee considered a request from Worcestershire Regulatory Services relating to an application for a Street Trading Permit within all the streets of Wychavon District. It was noted that the Applicant had been given a list of the Prohibited Streets List but as many streets he wished to trade from were on the list the matter had been referred to the relevant parish and town councils for consideration in the first instance.

The Town Clerk reported that Worcestershire Regulatory Services had confirmed that Applicant currently ran a pub in Evesham and it was expected that in reality he would be trading in Pershore and Evesham. Details of the areas within the Prohibited Streets List were noted.

Matters of concern were the Charter Market and other events within the Town which may be compromised should this application be approved. In addition the ‘carte blanche’ nature of the application meant that the Applicant had not provided sufficient information to ascertain the proposed siting(s) for the mobile catering unit.

RESOLVED

1. That Worcestershire Regulatory Services be recommended to refuse the Street Trading Application in relation to Droitwich Spa as the Town Council does not wish to compromise the Charter Market and other events taking place within the Town. Further, the Applicant has not provided sufficient information to ascertain the proposed sites for the mobile catering unit.
2. That the Prohibited Streets List be reviewed.

258 SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SWDP) – CONSULTATIONS

Community Infrastructure Levy Revised Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS)

Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Call for Sites for Travellers & Travelling Showpeople

Three new six-week consultations on planning documents supporting the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) commenced 16 February 2015. The funding of new infrastructure, from roads and schools to village facilities and guidance on where and how affordable housing was built, had been included and at the same time, as part of the development of a Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document, there was a Call for Sites. Residents, developers, town and parish councils, and other interested parties had been invited to make their views known at www.swdevelopmentplan.org. The consultations and Call for Sites concluded at 9.00am on 30 March 2015.

Following a short discussion, it was

RESOLVED

That no comments or action be taken.

- 259 SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SWDP) – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE (PDCS) AND DRAFT DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) - INVITATION TO SEMINAR EVENT FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS 9 MARCH 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBER AT COUNTY HALL 5PM – 7.30PM

The three South Worcestershire Councils of Malvern Hills, Wychavon and Worcester City (SWC) were currently undertaking public consultation on the above two key documents and as part of the consultation a seminar had been arranged for Town and Parish Council attendees. It was noted that the event was taking place on the same day as the meeting and therefore no representation was made.

- 260 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING VALIDATION DOCUMENT

The Validation Document had now been adopted: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/validdoc
The purpose of the Validation Document was to provide applicants and their agents with guidance on the information and documents required by Worcestershire County Council to support proposals for development when submitting a planning application.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

- 261 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Worcestershire County Council had published its SCI update in February 2015. Since the first SCI was adopted in 2006 the Government had introduced substantial changes to the planning system. The SCI update sought to take account of these changes and replaced the 2006 version.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

- 262 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – SECTION 278 AGREEMENT: HANBURY ROAD

WCC Legal Services had confirmed to McCarthy & Stone that the agreement for the above development had been completed and that works on site could now commence, subject to WCC requirements. Councillor Mrs P E Davey reported that there was now no reason why the works should not go ahead and an early start was expected. Councillor G R Brookes suggested that a Press Release be issued and it was agreed that this should be done once the commencement date for the works had been set.

- 263 DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT: TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 247 – STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT BLAKE AVENUE, WR9 8QP

The Committee noted that this item was for information only the matter having been considered by the Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2015, Minute 210 referred.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm.

Chairman of Committee
13 April 2015

Chairman of Council
27 April 2015