

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 November 2015 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Ms J H Bolton (Vice-Chairman) – IN THE CHAIR
Councillor R G Beale (Ex-officio)
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley
Councillor R J Morris
Councillor T J Noyes

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs C A Bowden, Mrs S Harris, A H Laird, A Roberts and A M Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors R E Murphy (Chairman), S Best, Mrs A Hawkins and Mrs K Tomalin.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – There were none.

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144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

145 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2015

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

146 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.

147 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

148 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

Pursuant to Minute No 97, Planning Committee meeting 14 September 2015, and Minute No 131 Planning Committee meeting 12 October 2015, the Town Clerk and Councillor G R Brookes advised that there was no update at present. A reminder would be sent.

149 COUNCILLOR R J MORRIS: TO CONSIDER A NOTICE OF MOTION PERTAINING TO A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN/STRONGER TOWN PLAN

Councillor R J Morris spoke in favour of his proposal detailed on the Agenda and advised that he hoped to join the ‘Town Planning Group’. He suggested that perhaps two other Town Councillors may wish to join the Group also.

Councillor G R Brookes confirmed that the setting up of such a group accorded with Councillor Morris’s election manifesto and also that he had discussed the matter with Councillor R E Murphy, Chairman of the Planning Committee. Councillor Brookes proposed that the list of considerations to be undertaken by the proposed Group should include the tangible benefits of having any such plan. Councillor A Humphries advised that clear attention should also be given to costings and that he would like to be a member of the Group. Councillor R J Morris confirmed that there was no requirement for administrative support from the Town Council, however a meeting room allocation was requested.

RESOLVED

1. That interested parties be requested to form a Town Planning Group to discuss and agree a possible way forward with regard to the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan/Stronger Town Plan.
2. That the Town Planning Group reports to the Town Council within six months approximately with a recommendation and outline on how to progress or not. Matters to be given consideration by the Group to include, inter alia:
 - the benefits of having a plan
 - costs
 - timescales for the plan
 - timescales to achieve
 - resources to complete
 - impact on South Worcestershire Development Plan and extra development
 - effect of Town Plan
 - scope of consideration of the plan.

[Pursuant to the resolution above, as the Town Planning Group had yet to be established there was no comment upon any requirement for Town Councillor representation at this stage, nor for any administrative support from the Town Council other than the allocation of a meeting room.]

150 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued six approval notices, only three of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. The Town Clerk advised of the details. With regard to Planning Application W/15/01709, 28 High Street, WR9 8ES – new three-storey office extension to the rear, including revisions to car parking and new roof terrace, Councillor G R Brookes advised of the debate that had taken place at Wychavon District Council’s Planning Committee meeting and he was disappointed that having spoken once he was not given a second chance to speak by the Chairman. Councillor R G Beale advised that this was poor procedure and that a letter should be sent. Councillor Brookes advised that he had received an apology from the Chairman however this was after the close of that meeting.

No refusal notices had been issued.

The Committee received notification of Withdrawal of Planning Application Ref W/15/00296/PN - 83-85 Friar Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8EQ, Mr U Oguike, 2 new three-bed dwellings. The application was withdrawn by the Applicant on 20 October 2015. A further notification has been received of Withdrawal of Planning Application Ref W/15/01304/PN - Fortis Living: Proposed Affordable Residential Dwelling To Land Adjacent No 56 Vines Lane: Land adjacent to The Dog Howse, 56 Vines Lane, Droitwich Spa. The application was withdrawn by the Applicant on 27 October 2015.

Confirmation had been received by way of Notification of Appeal Dismissal: Appeal Ref:APP/H1840/W/15/3028136 Appeal by Mr & Mrs J Wright, Site Address: 22 Petersfield Drive WR9 7AR – Erection of a two-storey detached dwelling.

151 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING ‘AT ANY TIME’ – OLD COACH ROAD

Extension was proposed to the existing double yellow lines in Old Coach Road to remove additional parking in the vicinity of the school crossing patrol so that the site was more visible to southeast bound traffic.

RESOLVED That Worcestershire County Council be advised that the proposal to extend the existing double yellow lines in Old Coach Road intended to remove additional parking in the vicinity of the school crossing patrol in order to make the site more visible to southeast bound traffic is supported.

152 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL– PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON C2076 TAGWELL ROAD

Highways Officers advised that the proposal had been put forward following the completion of infill development on the west side of Tagwell Road and confirmed that having considered the properties now currently outside of the existing 30mph speed limit with a direct frontage to Tagwell Road, an extension was considered justified in line with current Department for Transport guidance.

County Councillor Mrs P E Davey advised of the history and further comments of the Highways Officers, the matter being under review given the additional housing proposed in the vicinity.

She also commented upon the situation with regard to Tower Hill and its erroneous inclusion as an acceptable route on satellite navigation devices for lorries and other such vehicles.

RESOLVED That Worcestershire County Council be advised that the proposed extension to the 30 mph speed limit on C2076 Tagwell Road is supported.

153 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41407 YORK STREET) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

The details were noted, although it was understood that reference should be to York Avenue.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm.

Chairman of Committee
7 December 2015

Chairman of Council
14 December 2015