

# 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 17 October 2016 at 6.00pm.

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale, S Best, L Evans, A Laird, A Roberts and Mrs K Tomalin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Ms J Bolton and R J Morris (committee members), also Councillors Mrs S Harris and A Sinton .

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

County Councillor Mrs P E Davey:

With regard to Planning Application W/16/01978/PN, Droitwich Police Station, County Councillor Mrs Davey advised upon the implications of the current application which she had drawn to the attention of the County Highways Officers. Her concerns related to the proposed access arrangements in an extremely congested area and she reported upon the previously approved arrangements for the Medical Centre car park. She confirmed that a revised response would be submitted to the Local Planning Authority shortly.

oo00000oo

## 138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At the appropriate point in the meeting, Councillor S Best declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 4(a) – Planning Applications: W/16/02112/LB, W/16/02016/PN and W/16/02015/LB relating to Craddock Breweries, 19 High Street, WR9 8EJ, inasmuch as he was employed at The Talbot Hotel.

## 139 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2016

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 140 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.

141 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

142 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued eight approval notices, all of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. No refusal notices had been issued.

Appeal Decision: Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/W/16/3152337 Land adjacent to Clover Patch, 7 Pridzor Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8LQ. W/16/00256/PN, dated 29 January 2016, was refused by notice dated 2 June 2016. The proposal was for the demolition of 3 buildings, erection of 3 houses and diversion of public footpath DW-533. Appeal was granted 21 September 2016. Councillor G R Brookes advised that he had supported approval of the application and gave some of the details of the matter which had led to the application being refused by Wychavon District Council's Planning Committee. He understood that Wychavon District Council was considering making an appeal against the Inspector's decision and considered this to be "a waste of time and money". This view was supported by Councillor T J Noyes and upon a formal motion it was

RESOLVED

1. That Wychavon District Council be advised that the Town Council supports the Inspector's decision in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/W/16/3152337 Land adjacent to Clover Patch, 7 Pridzor Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8LQ.

Appeal Decision: Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/W/16/3148838 Pipe Supports Limited, Salwarpe Road, Droitwich Spa WR9 9BH Hill and Smith Holdings Plc application Ref W/13/02032/OU, dated 25 September 2013, for residential development was refused by notice dated 1 December 2015. Appeal dismissed on 28 September 2016.

The Committee noted the recommendations within the report of Wychavon District Council's Planning Enforcement Scrutiny Team. The Town Clerk confirmed that the consultation has closed and that she understood the District Council's Executive Board was currently considering the detailed recommendations, with a formal response to the Panel's report to be considered at the Executive Board's Briefing meeting on 9 November 2016. This response would be relayed to the Scrutiny Panel prior to the formal meeting of the Executive Board on 23 November 2016.

Councillor T J Noyes thanked Councillor G R Brookes for drawing this matter to the attention of the Town Council. It was particularly pertinent in relation to the enforcement of planning conditions.

It was proposed by Councillor T J Noyes, seconded by Councillor G R Brookes, and

RESOLVED

2. That the Town Council endorses the report of Wychavon District Council's Planning Enforcement Scrutiny Team, its recommendations are welcomed and supported. The Executive Board is requested to implement these recommendations as soon as possible.

## 143 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS [VASs] – REQUEST FOR LYTTTELTON ROAD SITE

The Committee noted the current situation with regard to Vehicle Activated Signs, the Town Council having one permanent and three mobile VASs at present, located:

- Primsland Way – Permanent [provided by County Councillor Mrs Davey]
- Westwood Way - [provided by County Councillor Mrs Duffy]
- Westwood Road - [provided by County Councillor Mrs Duffy]
- Celvestune Way - [provided by County Councillor Mrs Davey]

These mobile VASs were available for sites throughout the Town Council's areas as and when required. Site assessments with appropriate authorisations were now in place for the following:

- Primsland Way (2 separate posts)
- Addyes Way (2 separate posts)
- Celvestune Way
- Lyttleton Road (opposite house number 14)

For Hanbury Road, the area within the Civil Parish of Droitwich Spa was not deemed to be a speeding area as recent highways matters attested to.

The Town Clerk reported also upon why the County Highways Officers had not authorised a location on Worcester Road in the Falsom Pits area.

The Committee considered a further request made by County Councillor Mrs Davey for an additional site for a VAS in Lyttleton Road, this to be for a mobile VAS in the first instance as detailed on the plan included within the Agenda papers. County Councillor Mrs Davey confirmed that once proven to be an effective location a permanent VAS would be installed utilising her Local Ward Member Budget. Councillor T J Noyes thanked County Councillor Mrs Davey for her generous offer.

The Chairman also suggested that a suitable site for a mobile VAS was Tagwell Road, in the vicinity of Cockshute Hill. There was no footpath at this point which made it hazardous particularly for schoolchildren who used that route to and from school.

It was noted that the budget within the Lengthsman Scheme was utilised for the servicing of VASs.

### RESOLVED

1. That the request for the site in Lyttleton Road to locate a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign be approved, this to be a permanent VAS installation once its effectiveness had been confirmed.
2. That County Council Highways Officers be requested to assess a suitable site for a mobile VAS at Tagwell Road, in the vicinity of Cockshute Hill, given that there was no footpath at this point which made it hazardous particularly for schoolchildren who used that route to and from school.

144 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 6.56pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
17 October 2016

Chairman of Council .....  
30 January 2017