

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at St Richards House on Monday 7 November 2022 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor GR Brookes – Chairman
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor Mrs K Fellows
Councillor J Grady
Councillor RP Hopkins
Councillor G Duffy (Ex officio)

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors E Bowden, AH Laird, RJ Morris, WT Moy, CM Murray & AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mrs JM Chaudry, DM Craigie, NR Griffiths & A Humphries

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

There were none.

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166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

167. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2022.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

168. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For the application schedule all decisions were voted unanimously by the Committee Members.

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.

169. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Amended planning applications – On 20 October 2022 Wychavon District Council notified that additional information/amendments had been received for application reference 21/02562/FUL, for the location described as “Land opposite Yew Tree Farm, Newland Road Droitwich Spa” *[details attached with agenda for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

170. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

- a Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 3 approval notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting on 10 October 2022. All of these did accord with the recommendations from the Town Council Planning Committee *[for information]*.
- b Refusal Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued no refusal notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting which took place on 10 October 2022 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

171. SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review – Following publication of the draft proposals for the SWDP Review in September 2022 – A meeting is being arranged for public consultation including a questions & answers session. The confirmed date is Monday evening 21st November at the Community Hall, subject to confirming all of the arrangements. This will be a public meeting facilitated and hosted by the Town Council. There will be representatives from Wychavon District Council Planning Department in attendance to provide professional and technical input on the subject matter of the SWDP and the Review proposals for Droitwich Spa. Publicity will follow during early November when the final arrangements have been made with WDC.

Thereafter an opportunity will arise at the next scheduled Droitwich Spa Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 5th December 2022 to consider a corporate opinion response from this Town Council. The meeting date is still within the allocated consultation response period for the SWDPR and will enable any points arising from the wider public open meeting to be included.

The following online link information for the Review and the proposals was originally circulated to all DSTC Elected Members on 27 September 2022.

<https://committee.worcester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=399&MId=5268>

Councillor RJ Morris asked that Worcestershire County Council Officers be in attendance on 21st November at the public open meeting in order to help cover any questions raised about infrastructure and highways matters within the context of the SWDPR. The Town Clerk confirmed that he had asked for this to be confirmed as well.

The Town Clerk updated that it had been notified in making the arrangements for the public meeting that three WDC Planning Officers would attend and hopefully the WDC Managing Director.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

172. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL DECISION

Notification of Planning Appeal Decision - On 25 October 2022 Wychavon District Council notified the Planning Inspectorate decision and report for application reference 20/000183/OUT, for the location described as “Land east of Tagwell Road, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire” *[notification letter and appeal decision report attached with agenda papers for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

173. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SOLAR VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign)– CELVESTUNE WAY/ BOWER HILL, DROITWICH SPA.

Application for Funding through the Police & Crime Commissioners Office for an additional solar VAS – Celvestune Way/ Bower Hill, Droitwich Spa.-

Following the successful grant application, purchase and installation of an Evolis Radar Solar VAS device for Salwarpe Road through Councillor RJ Morris earlier this year, a similar approach has been registered with the OPCC on 17 August 2022 for consideration towards any further available funding. This second application proposed the 100% purchase funding for an identical solar VAS for the location of Celvestune Way/ Bower Hill as part of the ongoing proactive measures being taken through collaborative working between the Town Council and WCC Highways, to help manage excessive speeding within the Community *[full application and location details attached with agenda papers for information]*.

The OPCC have replied on 11 October 2022 to advise that the application is considered for approval subject to a match funded 50% contribution (£1,045.00) from the Town Council. This is due to the limited OPCC funding available and the high volume of applications being received for financial support at this time. Consideration is now required by the Town Council Planning Committee within its remit for VAS matters with regard to the match funding aspect.

The Town Clerk explained that the responsibility for Vehicle Activated Signs was maintained as part of the remit for the Planning Committee which was being asked to consider the match funding contribution to supplement the 50% cost agreed in principle by the OPCC. Following the interim review of Town Council income and expenditure for the year carried out in September it is considered that there is sufficient scope within the budgets to provide the funds. Councillor RJ Morris and Councillor GR Brookes expressed appreciation for the Town Clerks work in taking this matter forward - to apply for and source the OPCC funding as well as for arranging the purchase and implementation of the VAS equipment.

RESOLVED To authorise a match funding contribution from the Town Council budget of £1,045.00 towards the purchase and installation of a new solar Evolis VAS for the location of Celvestune Way/ Bower Hill. This represents a 50% match funding share of the OPCC grant awarded element (Total Purchase price £2,090.00 net of VAT).

174. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 5 Day Notice Temporary Road Closure of the Slip Road (Northbound) from A4133 High Park Roundabout onto the A38 Roman Way (Northbound). To enable carriageway resurfacing by WCC Highways. Maximum provision is 5 days and anticipated completion is 1 day commencing from 4 October 2022 *[Notice and location map attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

175. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Second Notice of Temporary Road Closure for C2076 Tagwell Road, Droitwich Spa from its junction with C2086 Newland Lane to the junction of U418488 Jackdaw Lane. This is to enable carriageway surface patching works by WCC Highways. The anticipated duration is 12 days commencing 24 October 2022 *[Notice and location map attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

176. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Second Notice of Temporary Road Closure for U41603 Churchill Avenue, Droitwich Spa. The Section from the junction with U41602 Shirley Road to the junction with U41601 Alexander Avenue. To enable footway reconstruction works by WCC Highways. Anticipated duration is 12 days commencing 7 November 2022 [*Notice and location map attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm.

Chairman of Committee

5 December 2022

Chairman of Council

12 December 2022