

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 September 2019 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor G Duffy – Chairman
Councillor GR Brookes- Vice Chairman
Councillor G Beale
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor E Bowden
Councillor J Grady
Councillor WT Moy (Ex officio)

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs JM Chaudry, DM Craigie, NR Griffiths, AH Laird, RJ Morris, CM Murray and AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs K Fellows, RP Hopkins and A Humphries.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none received.

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112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor GR Brookes declared a non- pecuniary interest in application reference 19/01616 HP- 18 Hammond Close, Droitwich Spa WR9 7SZ for the reason that his daughter owns neighbouring property 26 Hammond Close.

113. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 JULY 2019.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

114. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor GR Brookes abstained from the vote in decision making for application reference 19/01616 HP- 18 Hammond Close, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SZ.

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.

115. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

116. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

(A) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 15 approval notices, 12 of which did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council.

(B) Refusal Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority has issued no refusal notice in the intervening period since the last DSTC Planning Committee meeting held on 29 July 2019.

117. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED WARNING SIGNS (VAS)

To note that Pursuant to Minute reference 18 of the Town Council, Planning Committee meeting held on 10 June 2019. To confirm that various further portable VAS locations have been suggested by Members during August and referred by the Clerk to the Worcestershire County Council Highways Officer. Suitability assessments to conform with road safety and WCC Highways policy have been carried out in all cases. Images for the locations were attached with the Agenda and the professional guidance from WCC summarised as follows.

- a *Worcester Road. The only suitable site along this road as requested would be to lamppost number 34 which is outside The Red Lion public house. I have some reservations placing a VAS outside a pub with the chances of tampering or being a target for vandalism. Recommendation not to proceed.*
- b *Celvestune Way near Copcut Court. Lamppost 50 would be the only site here taking in to consideration the road has bends.*
- c *Westwood Road. Lamp 28 near to Hunters Way.*
- d *Briar Mill. Guidelines/policy doesn't permit VAS near to a school. The other problem is that at times there is a temporary 20mph limit at this location. A VAS showing 30mph would conflict.*
- e *Black Friars Avenue. The only suitable site would be on lamppost 11 outside number 33. This being the only straight section long enough. There is a temporary 20mph for the school (Celvestune Way end) with restrictions as per Briar Mill.*

The Clerk added that a further approach had been requested by Councillor RJ Morris to ascertain suitability of a location adjacent Lawley Way on Worcester Road as an alternative to the Red Lion position for which concerns had been registered.

- RESOLVED That the information be noted and that rotation of the portable VAS's starts to include the following locations on receipt of the licencing notification from WCC.
- 1) Celvestune Way near Copcut Court, lamp post number 50.
 - 2) Westwood Road, lamp post number 28 near Hunters Way.
 - 3) Black Friars Avenue, lamp post 11 adjacent house number 33.

That the Town Clerk contact the Highways Officer to ascertain suitability of a location near to Lawley Way on Worcester Road.

118. NOTIFICATION OF DEFERRMENT FOR WATERMAINS REPLACEMENT WORKS

Notification of Deferment for water mains replacement works – Winslow Avenue, Droitwich Spa. Amey Utilities working on behalf of Severn Trent have updated on 5th August 2019 that proposed works have been delayed until January 2020 due to engineering difficulties. Further information will be provided in due course. *[for information purposes]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

119. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Consolidation Order 2004 (Variation) Order 2019 – Prohibition of Waiting at any time on New Chawson Lane, Droitwich Spa. North west side from a point 32 metres north east of the centre point of the junction with Barnes Croft Way for a distance of 10 metres in a north easterly direction and from a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Oakleigh Road for a distance of 10 metres south westerly. It is considered that the Order will contribute to the securing of the expeditious, safe and convenient movement of all traffic (including pedestrians) and will have no adverse effect

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

Chairman of Committee
14 October 2019

Chairman of Council
23 September 2019