

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held by Zoom Virtual Format on Monday 9 November 2020 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor G Duffy – Chairman
Councillor RG Beale
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor GR Brookes
Councillor Mrs K Fellows
Councillor J Grady
Councillor RP Hopkins
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor WT Moy (Ex officio)

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors E Bowden , Mrs JM Chaudry, DM Craigie, DJ Morris, RJ Morris, CM Murray & AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs JM Chaudry (non –member of Committee) had notified that she may be delayed in joining the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none received.

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145. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor RJ Morris declared a non- pecuniary interest in applications 20/01779/FUL- King George Playing Fields, Briar Mill, Droitwich Spa as an Executive Board Member of Wychavon District Council within the remit of promises and strategy. Councillor G Duffy declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same application having supported the concept for the project proposals. Councillor RP Hopkins declared a non- pecuniary interest in the same application as he lives on Parkway which is near the site and he wishes to register concerns on behalf of residents towards potential light pollution issues emitting from the proposals for the pitch and specifically flood lighting.

146. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2020.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 October 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Meeting held by Zoom facility.

147. 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.

148. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Amended planning applications- Notification was received on 19 October 2020 that Application reference 20/01907/FUL- for the proposed conversion of No 8 St Andrews Street., Droitwich Spa to create 2no. 2 duplex units has been amended. *[Details attached with agenda for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

149. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

- (a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 4 approval notices during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting which took place on 12 October 2020. Of these all 4 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee.
- (b) Refusal Notices: One refusal notices has been issued by Wychavon District Council during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 12 October 2020. Application reference 20/01512/HP- Side extension to existing property-31 Mayflower Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8PZ.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

150. NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION.

Notification of Withdrawal Planning Application. Wychavon District Council confirmed on 29 October 2020 that planning application reference 20/01757/ADV for the proposed installation of an advertising totem at Homebase Ltd, Roman Way, Retail Park, Kidderminster Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 9AT has been withdrawn by the applicant on the same date. *[notification attached with agenda]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

151. SOUTH WORCESTERHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

South Worcestershire Development Plan – Response to the Planning for the Future White Paper Consultation. The draft response through Wychavon District Council was circulated to all Members on 16 October and the final full response on 30 October 2020. *[Details attached to agenda for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

152. MOTION PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLOR RP HOPKINS

Motion put forward by Councillor RP Hopkins – To consider the following motion regarding Town Council engagement with Developers/ Agents. Officer’s report covering protocol concerns and risks also attached with agenda. Before reading his motion Councillor Hopkins expressed his opinions of dissatisfaction and disagreement towards the report of protocols and risks presented by the Town Clerk with the agenda. Councillor A Humphries seconded the motion and also expressed the opinion to disagree with and dismiss the report prepared by the Town Clerk, referencing point 5 for criticism.

Motion

"The Council requests that for Planning Applications for more than 20 or more properties, the Town Clerk should invite Developers or their Agents to make a short presentation to the Planning Committee and answer any questions or issues arising."

Councillor GR Brookes acknowledged the concerns and opinions put forward by all including those of Councillor Hopkins, Councillor Humphries and the Town Clerk. In the interests of collaboration and progress the following amended motion was then proposed by Councillor Brookes and seconded by Councillor WD Moy.

Amended Motion

“This Council requests that for Planning Applications for more than 20 homes, the Town Clerk be asked to invite Developers or their Agents to engage in an arranged, open and free access public presentation to which members of the public, (and councillors acting as members of the public,) may attend to ask questions and discuss issues arising. This Council asks Developers to demonstrate at their meeting how the infrastructure requirements of their development are to be met and how their proposed development will benefit and enhance Droitwich. For the avoidance of doubt, this will not be a meeting of the Town Council.”

Through the Chairman the original or substantive motion which had been proposed and seconded was noted, as well as the amended motion which had also been proposed and seconded. The Committee then considered the amendment first. The amended motion was agreed and now formed the substantive motion for voting.

RESOLVED That this Council requests that for Planning Applications for more than 20 homes, the Town Clerk be asked to invite Developers or their Agents to engage in an arranged, open and free access public presentation to which members of the public, (and councillors acting as members of the public,) may attend to ask questions and discuss issues arising. This Council asks Developers to demonstrate at their meeting how the infrastructure requirements of their development are to be met and how their proposed development will benefit and enhance Droitwich. **For the avoidance of doubt, this will not be a meeting of the Town Council.**

153. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council – Proposal to install prohibition of waiting “at any time” parking restrictions in Winslow Avenue & Weaver Close, Droitwich Spa. The objective of the proposal is it address the following two issues,

- a Visibility obscured from Weaver Close.
 - b Vehicles being forced on to the wrong side of the road on a 90 degree bend.
- Any comments should be received by 10 November 2020 quoting drawing reference 2020.319.1.
[location plan attached with agenda for information]

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.47 pm.

Chairman of Committee
7 December 2020

Chairman of Council
14 December 2020

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APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL	APPLICANT	RECOMMENDATION TO WDC
20/02056/HP	12 Ledwyeh Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 9LA	Garage conversion and new garage & porch.	Mr & Mrs Ball	Support- No objections
20/02142/HP	38 Lahn Drive , Droitwich Spa, WR9 8TQ	2 storey side and single rear extension.	Ross Davis	Support- No objections
20/01779/FUL	King George Playing Fields, Briar Mill, Droitwich Spa.	Reconstruction of existing grass football pitch and creation of 3G pitch including perimeter fencing & lighting. Refurbishment and extensions to pavilion including single storey extension, replacement of first floor flat with pitched roof, removal of existing adhoc garages and sheds.	Mr David Niblett	To support - No Objections. To support the application but ensure that the responses from the Canals & Rivers Trust, Worcestershire Regulatory Services & the WDC Heritage Consultation Response-Archaeology are all fully complied with. In addition the careful management of any potential light pollution issues from pitch flood lighting towards nearby residential areas - (Parkway and Ledwyeh) was highlighted to require close attention.
20/02106/HP	1 Grosvenor Crescent, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SX	Rear single storey extension, 2 storey side extension and internal alterations.	Mr & Mrs Purcell	Approved
20/01886/HP	20 Victoria Avenue, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7DF	Erection of single storey rear extension & detached garage	Mr & Mrs Radcliffe	Objection- To accord with the WCC Highways consultation response to recommend refusal due to the

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APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL	APPLICANT	RECOMMENDATION TO WDC
20/02038/PIP	Land at Cockshute Hill, Droitwich Spa	Permission in Principle for 1 dwelling	Mr Adam Hughes	reduced number of off street parking spaces.
20/02294/ADV	151 Worcester Road , Droitwich Spa, WR9 8AR	1 (no) LED Digital Display - retrospective	RTPD Ltd	<p>Objection- To recommend refusal to the application in principle due to the space constraints of the site and the location not being in keeping with the existing street scape.</p> <p>Comment- To support the concerns expressed by Neighbours and individual local Councillors that operation of the sign does not appear to accord with the permissions originally granted. To support the recommendations put forward by Worcestershire Regulatory Services to control and potentially enforce operation standards going forwards.</p>