

# 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 11 November 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 A Humphries  
Councillor WT Moy (Ex officio)

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs JM Chaudry, Mrs K Fellows, NR Griffiths, CM Murray and AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors DM Craigie, J Grady & RP Hopkins.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none received.

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## 166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none received.

## 167. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2019.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 168. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor E Bowden abstained from the vote in decision making for application reference 19/02256/HP- 20 Kingston Close, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7RY.

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

There were none.

## 170. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 5 approval notices. Of these all 5 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee.

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 14 October 2019.

## 171. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to minute reference 151 of the Town Council Planning Committee meeting held on 14 October 2019 the Town Clerk confirmed having written as instructed to Holly Jones – Director of Planning & Infrastructure, Wychavon District Council. The request had been acknowledged dated 28 October 2019 pending a further response.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a full response had been received dated 4 November 2019 and the Chairman read out the email as follows,

*“Further to my earlier e-mail, both myself and the case officer have reviewed the webcast to which you refer. As you have correctly identified, the case officer did advise that ‘members will note from the committee report that no objection has been raised by consultees’.*

*We agree that this reference was incorrect. The committee report does highlight the relevant objections, including the comments from yourselves and Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council, but if anyone were to simply watch the webcast and not refer to the officer report, this would indeed be misleading. The case officer has acknowledged that the wording did not represent the situation and will ensure that this does not occur again.*

*In addition, this will be raised at our next internal Development Management Team Meeting and provide an opportunity for ‘lessons learned’.*

*I am grateful for you bringing this matter to my attention and apologise again for the inconsistency”*

Councillor WT Moy asked whether the admittance now rendered the actual planning decision attributed to the application reference as void. The Town Clerk explained that this was not the case whereby the actual reports provided to Wychavon Planning Committee members for reference in making their decision were correct and it was only the verbal input of the case officer at the meeting that had been misrepresentative of the position. The planning decision reached was legally binding and in this case a mistake had been made by the officer within the reporting process during the meeting which does not affect the outcome. Councillor AM Sinton expressed that this was a lesson for everybody and particularly those Elected Members who were District Councillors and part of the WDC Planning Committee.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

## 172. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

Prohibition of waiting at any time on New Chawson Lane, Droitwich Spa. On 24 October 2019 Worcestershire County Council made an order to prohibit any waiting on the following side and lengths of carriageway. New Chawson Lane (north west side) from a point 32 metres north east of

the centre point of its junction with Barnes Croft Way for a distance of 10 metres southwest of its junction with Oakleigh Road for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction. The Order is effective from 14 November 2019.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
9 December 2019

Chairman of Council .....  
16 December 2019