

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 12 February 2018 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor T J Noyes (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor Mrs A Hawkins

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors A H Laird, W T Moy and A Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors S Best (Mayor) – Ex Officio, Ms J Bolton, A Humphries, R J Morris and R E Murphy (committee members) and Councillors R G Beale, L Evans, Mrs A Harris, A M Sinton and Mrs K Tomalin.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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235 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest in Agenda Item 4(a) Planning Applications were made in respect of:

- No 17/02092/OUT by Councillors Mrs C Bowden, G R Brookes and W T Moy as they were members of SOBBS (Save Our Brine Baths), Councillor Moy advised he was the Chairman thereof.
- No 18/00141/FUL by Councillors G R Brookes and T J Noyes.

236 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

237 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.

238 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

239 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

The Committee noted that Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued ten approval notices, all but one of which accorded with the recommendation of the Town Council. No refusal notices had been issued.

240 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING – DROVERS WAY, SAXONBY HOMES

The Committee reviewed the plan and noted the list of preferred suffixes to enable a suitable name to be identified for the road.

RESOLVED That the preferred name of ‘Brackston Close’ be submitted, in memory of the late Councillor John Brackson who had represented Droitwich West Ward.

241 SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN [SWDP]: NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION ON SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS FEBRUARY 2018

The three South Worcestershire Councils (Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon District) were consulting on the following Supplementary Planning Documents:

DRAFT RENEWABLE AND LOW CARBON ENERGY SPD: this related to policy SWDP 27 of the SWDP, and sought to promote the use of renewable and/or low carbon energy sources in development. The policy also required large scale development to examine the potential for decentralised energy and heating networks, and also set out the policy approach for stand-alone renewable and low carbon energy schemes (with the exception of wind turbines).

DRAFT WATER MANAGEMENT AND FLOODING SPD: this related to policies in the adopted SWDP that sought to minimise the impacts of flood risk and direct development to the areas of lowest flood risk, to promote effective water management and to maintain water quality (SWDP 28 Management of Flood Risk; SWDP 29 Sustainable Drainage Systems and SWDP 30 Water Resources, Efficiency and Treatment).

REVISED DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS SPD: this addressed the further advice required in the light of new infrastructure evidence, e.g. the development of the Local Transport Plan 4, and a number of other amendments (eg to take account of the adoption of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which came into effect in June 2017 for Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils and September 2017 for Worcester City Council).

The Town Clerk advised that these documents were aimed at assisting developers to address the relevant South Worcestershire Development Plan Policies.

It was noted that individual Councillors and others could submit comments. No matters were identified by the Committee for response.

242 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT – TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 247: PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT LAND OFF BLAKE AVENUE AND, LONG SLING, DROITWICH SPA WR9 8PQ - OS GRID REFERENCE: E:388908, N:262313

RESOLVED That the proposed Stopping Up of highway at land off Blake Avenue and, Long Sling, Droitwich Spa WR9 8PQ - OS Grid Reference: E:388908, N:262313 be approved.

243 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - QUEEN STREET/B4065 DROITWICH - WORCESTERSHIRE NETWORK EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

As part of the Worcestershire Network Efficiency Programme (WNEP), the Committee considered the proposed solutions for traffic congestion in Queen Street and B4065. This was one of many sites raised as areas of concern, as parking on the approach to Hanbury Road traffic signals reduced the live carriageway and hindered free flow for vehicles approaching the two lanes at these lights which in turn affected the efficiency for signalised junctions. The proposals for the B4065 were due to be processed as part of a separate consultation but for efficiency, it had been decided to consolidate the proposals for one consultation.

RESOLVED That the scheme to improve traffic congestion at Queen Street/B4065 Droitwich as part of the Worcestershire Network Efficiency Programme, with Proposed Waiting Restrictions as shown on Drawing No 2017-1098-100 be approved.

244 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON VARIOUS ROADS, CUTNALL GREEN (RESTRICTED ROADS AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2001 (REVOCATION) AND VARIOUS ROADS, DROITWICH AND HAMPTON LOVETT, RESTRICTED ROADS AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER 2001(REVOCATION) AND (VARIOUS ROADS DROITWICH, HAMPTON LOVETT AND CUTNALL GREEN) (RESTRICTED ROADS AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2018

The details were noted.

245 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON – DROITWICH) (PERMITTED PARKING AREA AND SPECIAL PARKING AREA) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2004 (VARIATION) ORDER 2018 [PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON NORTH BANK, BERRY HILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DROITWICH]

The details were noted.

246 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON – DROITWICH) (U41513 MAYFLOWER ROAD, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2018

The details were noted.

247 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON – DROITWICH) (C2076 THE HOLLOWAY, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2018

The details were noted.

248 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (FRIAR STREET, ST ANDREWS STREET AND HIGH STREET, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2018

The details were noted. The Town Clerk advised that the installation of the benches/seats, bollards, tree grilles and bins was scheduled for the following week, commencing 19 February 2018.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Chairman of Committee
5 March 2018

Chairman of Council
23 April 2018