

# 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 13 April 2015 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R E Murphy (Chairman)  
Councillor T J Noyes (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor G R Brookes (Ex-officio)  
Councillor J F Cook  
Councillor Mrs P E Davey  
Councillor E Harwood  
Councillor K Jennings  
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs G Noyes, P J Pinfield and Mrs E A Taft.

Councillor L Evans took a seat in the area designated for use by the Public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor R J Morris (committee member) also Councillors R G Beale and A M Sinton

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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## 281 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E Harwood declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(a) Planning Applications – No W/00614/PP inasmuch as he was closely connected with the Applicant.

## 282 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 MARCH 2015

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 283 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED 1. 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.

URGENT ITEM – FORTIS HOUSING: DEVELOPMENTS ON GARAGE BLOCK SITES - FORTHCOMING PLANNING APPLICATION AT BOWER HILL, CHAWSON

*[The Chairman considered that this item could be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.]*

Councillor K Jennings reported that as well as the recent application submitted by Fortis Living (W/14/02610/PN) for two affordable bungalows on the garage block site at Pridzor Road there was another pending at Bower Hill garage block at Chawson, Fortis Living having already served eviction notices on the garage tenants. He considered that the Chawson Estate was not built to accommodate cars parking other than in the designated parking areas and garages.

Councillor Brookes advised that following on from the Town Meeting on 30 May 2015 when this subject had been raised the Town Clerk had invited a representative of Fortis Living to attend the Council meeting on 27 April 2015. The Town Clerk confirmed that the matter was in hand and was being considered by Mr Richard Grounds (*Executive Director of Growth & Investment*).

Following a short discussion it was proposed by Councillor K Jennings, seconded by Councillor Mrs P E Davey and

RESOLVED

2. That Fortis Living and Wychavon District Council be advised that the Town Council wishes to register its severe concerns as to the behaviour of Fortis Living in evicting the tenants of the garages at Bower Hill with the intention of submitting a planning application for residential development of the site which would promote traffic chaos on the Chawson estate, an area which was not designed to accommodate car parking other than in the designated areas and garage blocks.
3. That, owing to the forthcoming elections, should a planning application be submitted in the intervening period by Fortis Living for residential development on the Bower Hill Garage Block then the Town Clerk be granted delegated authority to submit the Town Council's objections as now advised.

#### 284 AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

#### 285 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, had issued two approval notices, both of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council. Two refusal notices had been issued, one of which did not accord with the recommendation of the Town Council thereon.

The Committee noted the Notification of Withdrawal of Planning Application W/14/02870/PN – Diamond Windows Droitwich Ltd, Showroom Extension, Unit 22 North Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8JB. The application was withdrawn on 20 March 2015.

The Appeal Decision: APP/H1840/W/14/3000903 & W/14/02100/PN – 19 Brantwood Close, WR9 7RS, Mrs S Florence for the development for one bungalow. The Application was dismissed by the Inspector.

286 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC 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 2015 [PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON WEST STREET AND ALBERT STREET, DROITWICH]

The Committee noted that the notice was for information only, the initial consultation on the proposed order having been considered by the Town Council on 12 January 2015 – Minute 209 refers.

287 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD TRAFFIC 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 2015 [LIMITED WAITING ON TAGWELL ROAD, DROITWICH]

The Committee noted that the formal notice was for information only, the initial consultation on the proposed Order having been considered by the Town Council on 8 December 2014 – Minute 178 referred. However Councillor Mrs P E Davey advised that since the formal consultation period had commenced, in her capacity as the Local Ward County Councillor she had received representations from shopkeepers and residents for an extension of the waiting period proposed and therefore intended to recommend a two-hour waiting limitation. The support of the Town Council to this way forward was requested.

RESOLVED                      That Worcestershire County Council be advised that the Town Council supports the amended proposal put forward by County Councillor Mrs P E Davey to introduce a section of Limited Waiting for Two Hours only in Tagwell Road as now reported to facilitate the on-street parking situation and to assist local businesses.

288 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) (U41707 NORTH STREET, DROITWICH SPA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

The information was noted.

The meeting ended at 6.39pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
1 June 2015

Chairman of Council .....  
27 April 2015