

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held at the Community Hall on Monday 14 March 2022 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor G Duffy – Chairman
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor GR Brookes
Councillor RP Hopkins

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors, E Bowden, AH Laird, CM Murray & AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mrs J Chaudry, Mrs K Fellows, J Grady, A Humphries, RJ Morris & WT Moy

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: None received.

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282. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor GR Brookes registered a non – pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 4(a), Planning Applications - reference W/22/000326/OUT & Associated reference 19/01679/OUT for Corner Mead, Newland Lane, Newland, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7JH for the reason that the Planning Consultant - Neil Pearce (former Wychavon Officer) is known to him.

Councillor AM Sinton registered a non – pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 4(b), Amended Planning Application for 21/02631/FUL & 21/2632/LB for 4 High Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8EW for the reason that he knows the neighbouring property owner.

283. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2022.

Councillor CM Murray commented that he had an issue with the minutes of the last meeting because of a report that was mentioned by Councillor GR Brookes relating to the Raven Site amended application (Planning references 20/02623/FUL & 20/02812/LB). The Town Clerk responded that the report had been commissioned by SOBB'S and was not a matter instructed by or connected with the Town Council. The position had been previously explained to Councillor Murray by emails on 2nd March 2022 following his original enquiry with the best advice to contact SOBB'S directly to request details of their report. Councillor Murray advised that he had contacted the Chairman of SOBB'S and received no reply.

Councillor Brookes asked for a point of order to be recorded to the effect that Councillor Murray was not a Member of the Planning Committee and as such his comments regarding acceptance of the minutes were not appropriate. The Chairman commented that the matter of sight of the SOBB'S report had no relevance to the resolved consultation response by the DSTC, Planning Committee for the amended application (20/02623/FUL) reached on 28 February 2022.

Councillor RP Hopkins stated that he supported Councillor Murray in his claim and wished to see evidence of the SOBB'S report including references in the minutes. The Town Clerk explained that the minutes record the decisions reached and background, they do not include verbatim comment from meetings.

The Chairman suggested that Councillor Hopkins may wish to put forward a proposed amendment for the minutes of the 28th February 2022 Planning Meeting. Councillor Hopkins proposed an amendment to include the concerns expressed by Councillor Murray. There was no seconder and no votes from the Planning Committee Members present by way of support.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Of the Committee Members present 3 voted in favour and 1 against.

284. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For the application schedule all decisions were voted unanimously by the Committee Members present.

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.

285. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Amended planning applications – See attached notification letters with agenda dated 7th March 2022 for application references 21/02631/FUL & 21/02632/LB for 4 High Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8EW. The additional information/amendments are also detailed on the Wychavon Planning portal. Comments are requested only for the additional information/ amendments as described.

In general discussion the following additional comments were agreed.

The DSTC Planning Committee commented further that should the Conservation Officer have concerns over this application, the recommendation is for the case to be called by the District Ward Member to the Full Wychavon Planning Committee for consideration, rather than delegation. It was further noted that when the Conservation Officers Report is available on the WDC portal that this is reviewed by Cllr Duffy (Chairman DSTC Planning Committee, Cllr Brookes (Vice Chairman DSTC Planning Committee) and Cllr Sinton (District Ward Member) ,as well as being made available to all DSTC Elected Members.

RESOLVED That the following additional comments be submitted by way of the amendments consultation response for application references 21/02631/FUL & 21/02632/LB for 4 High Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8EW. The DSTC Planning Committee commented further that should the Conservation Officer have concerns over this application, the recommendation is for the case to be called by the District Ward Member to the Full Wychavon Planning Committee for consideration, rather than delegation. It was further noted that when the Conservation Officers Report is available on the WDC portal that this is reviewed by Cllr Duffy (Chairman DSTC Planning Committee, Cllr Brookes (Vice Chairman DSTC Planning Committee) and Cllr Sinton (District Ward Member) ,as well as being made available to all DSTC Elected Members.

286. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

- a Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 2 approval notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting which took place on 28 February 2022. Both did accord with the recommendations for approval by the Town Council Planning Committee [*for information*].

- b Refusal Notices: No refusal notices have been issued by Wychavon District Council during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 28 February 2022 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

287. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Notice of Public Path Order – Diversion of Footpath DW 510 formerly footpath Number 4 in Droitwich Spa. Following the recent application to divert part of the footpath due to several properties in the Yew Tree Farm, Persimmon Development being constructed over the legal and definitive public right of way, the formal notice and order plan are attached.

This is a second notification which is necessary because the applicant (Persimmon Homes) failed to advertise in the press on time. To this effect Worcestershire County Council have amended the public notice and extended the “objections by” date for the consultation. *[Public Notice, Order and plan attached with agenda for information]*.

The Town Clerk updated that an explanation for this matter had been received from Wychavon District Council Planning Department and forwarded to all DSTC Elected Members to accord with the request made at the previous Planning Committee meeting on 28 February 2022.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm.

Chairman of Committee
11 April 2022

Chairman of Council
25 April 2022

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APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL	APPLICANT	RECOMMENDATION TO WDC
W/22/00277/HP	3 Showell Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8UD	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Conversion of the existing garage and the addition of a porch.	Mrs Rachel Stevens	Support- No Objections
W/22/00326/OUT & Associated reference 19/01679/OUT	Corner Mead, Newland Lane, Newland, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7JH	Outline application for up to 9 self - build dwellings including new means of access off Newland Lane – variation of condition 6.	Build 1	Comment Only - Unable to make an informed opinion because there are no details for the proposals of this application showing on the portal. In principle the recommendations for the application should fully accord with the WCC Highways professional opinion regarding the referenced "new means of access off Newland Lane". It is also noted that there is no WCC Highways consultation response showing as at 14 March 2022.
W/22/00363/HP	18 Elgar Crescent, Droitwich Spa , WR9 7SP	First floor extension	Miss Ann Marie Kunec	Support- No Objections
W/22/00457/HP	19 The Oaklands, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8AD	Proposed window to front elevation and single storey rear extension.	Mrs Howards- Lewis	Support- No Objections

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APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL	APPLICANT	RECOMMENDATION TO WDC
W/22/00364/HP	16 Elgar Crescent, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SP	Extension of first floor to side	Mrs Lisa Wadlow	Support- No Objections