

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held by Zoom Virtual Format on Monday 14 September 2020 at 6.00pm.

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors E Bowden, N Griffiths, DJ Morris, RJ Morris, CM Murray & AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor DM Craigie & A Humphries

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none received.

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87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor GR Brookes declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 20/01609/HP – 75 Tagwell Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7AQ as he resides on the same road. The Town Clerk reminded and prompted those Elected Members who were affiliated with the Neighbourhood Planning Group that they should declare a non-pecuniary interest in “Agenda Item 10- Neighbourhood Planning”. Councillors RP Hopkins and CM Murray responded accordingly.

88. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JULY 2020.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Meeting held by conference call.

89. 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.

90. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

91. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

- (a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 12 approval notices during the elapsed period since the last Town Council Planning Committee meeting which took place on 28 July 2020. Of these 8 did accord with the recommendations of the

Town Council Planning Committee. The other had no response from the Town Council due to the timescales between meetings.

- (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 July 2020.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

92. PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL FOR 3 LYTTELTON ROAD, DROITWICH SPA, WR9 7AA.

To note the Inspectors decision for the above appeal. *[notification attached with agenda]*. Councillor Brookes expressed disappointment in the way in which this application had been handled by Wychavon District Council Planning Department and questioned whether the Officer had visited the site. In general discussion the necessity for the resulting appeal and connected costs and work was acknowledged as a direct consequence. Councillor DJ Morris added as Ward Member that he agreed that the application had not been handled well and he had maintained full support for the applicant throughout the process. Both Councillors agreed that the Inspectorate decision was the right outcome in support of the applicant. Councillor DJ Morris expressed that the applicant was very grateful for the positive outcome of the appeal process.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

93. NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION

Wychavon District Council confirmed on 5 August 2020 that planning application reference 20/00048/HP for residential annex on land to rear of existing house at 30 Lyttelton Road, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 7AB has been withdrawn by the applicant on the same date. *[Details attached to agenda for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

94. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – APPLICATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.

Application for the determination as to whether prior approval is required for development permitted by part 11, Class B of Schedule 2 to the Town & Country Planning (General permitted development- England) Order 2015. Location CJ,s Fish & Pizza Bar , Farmers Way , Droitwich Spa , WR9 9EQ. *[Details attached to agenda for information]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

95. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL-BRIEFING NOTE ON THE AUGUST 2020 PLANNING REFORMS CONSULTATION.

Briefing note on the August 2020 Planning Reforms Consultations. To note the attached briefing notes and matrix comprising three pillars of information. These details were received and then circulated to all Town Council Elected Members on 1 September 2020 electronically *[information attached with Agenda]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

96. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

To advise that Mr Andrew Ford from Wychavon District Council approached the Town Council in late August to consider resurrecting a meeting in order to discuss Neighbourhood Planning, the South Worcestershire Development Plan updates and the proposed Planning Reform white paper changes. The meeting has been arranged using the Zoom Virtual facility for Thursday 24 September 2020. An invitation and agenda will be provided by Wychavon District Council in due course. Participants are expected to comprise a delegation from Wychavon Planning Department and Councillor RJ Morris, the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Town Council Planning Committee, the Mayor, the Leader and an Officer. The invitation has been extended to Councillor A Humphries in his capacity as nominated Town Council representative for the Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan Group and an equal small delegation.

Councillor AM Sinton explained that this forum had originally been arranged for March but had regrettably been delayed by the Pandemic restrictions. It was hoped for a positive discussion on 24 September and further reporting thereafter. Due to the close timescales to the next Full Council Meeting scheduled for 28 September, any further updates including from the Neighbourhood Planning Group may be delayed until a later meeting on the programme.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

97. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL- Worcestershire County Council Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Permitted Parking area and Special Parking Area. Consolidation Order 2004 for prohibition of waiting on Ombersley Road, Droitwich Spa. The Order was made on 23 July to prohibit waiting at any time on the following sections of road - Ombersley Road (west side) from a point 57 metres northeast of its junction with Ombersley Road Service Road for a distance of 6 metres in a northerly direction. The Order is effective from 13 August 2020. *[details attached for information with Agenda]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

98. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL- Worcestershire County Council - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Temporary Closure Order 2020 for various linked footpaths- Woodman's/Woodman's Place in Droitwich Spa. Reason for closure is to enable footway reconstruction. Commencing 8 September 2020, anticipated duration 18 days. *[details attached for information with Agenda]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

99. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL- Worcestershire County Council- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Temporary Closure Order 2020. To close various to various roads (Berry Hill Industrial Estate, U41764 Egghill West Bank, U41764 Long Bank, U41765 Egghill, U41767 Ten Acres, The Furlong, U41769 Ten Acres South, U41769 West Bank South). To enable carriageway resurfacing works. Commencing 23 September 2020, anticipated duration 14 days. *[details attached for information with Agenda]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

100. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL- Worcestershire County Council- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Link footpath F40036 Shepherds Hill, Droitwich Spa – Temporary Closure Oder 2020. To close part of the footpath from the junction with link foot path F40034 to its junction with U41756 Shepherds Hill. Anticipated duration is 15 days from 1 September 2020 in order to enable footway repairs. *[details attached for information with Agenda]*

Councillor RJ Morris explained that Agenda Items 12 & 15 both related to footway improvements in the Town West Ward which were ongoing and much needed. The pandemic had highlighted the urgent need to improve footways in this area of the Town because many sections had not been renewed since the original development. Essential deliveries and support for residents during lock down had made the position more critical for improvements. Councillor Morris pledged to maintain emphasis with the County Council Highways Department to extend the scope of the works in the area where possible.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

101. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL- Worcestershire County Council- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).Application from the occupant of 7 Farriers Close, Droitwich Spa for consideration towards a proposed disabled person’s car parking space outside the property. Any opinion or comments are requested by the WCC Traffic Management Team by email through the Town Clerk by 30 September 2020. *[details attached for information with Agenda]*

RESOLVED That the information be noted

102. WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES - Worcestershire Regulatory Services- Wychavon District Council notified on behalf of WRS on 26 August 2020 that a new mobile street trading application has been lodged by Miss S Grosvenor who is based in Pershore. There is already a mobile street trading consent to trade across the District in place for Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 18.30 to 21.00 hours. The new application requests consideration for extension to everyday 05.00 to 23.00 hours. Any comments or representations can be made directly via the email link enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk and quoting reference 20/03115/STRETR.

Through the Chairman the Town Clerk updated that some of the rural Parishes included within this consultation had responded to express the opinion that the proposed extensions to trading hours are considered to be excessive.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Chairman of Committee
12 October 2020

Chairman of Council
28 September 2020

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APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL	APPLICANT	RECOMMENDATION TO WDC
20/01392/FUL	Land at West Bank , Berry Hill Industrial Estate, Droitwich Spa, WR9 9AX	Development of site for storage of operational vehicles, including resurfacing, associated parking, guard hut, welfare building, landscaping & infrastructure.	Gleave Partnership	To support the application & proposals in principle. Please ensure that the requests documented by Worcestershire Regulatory Services are fully adhered to and maintained, particularly with regard to the stipulated “Tiered Investigation” and the associated referenced conditions 1 to 5.
20/00856/CU	4 Lyttelton Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7AA	Change of use from residential (C3a) to mixed use residential & swimming pool (C3a & D2) –retrospective.	Mr A Jones	Withdrawn
20/01488/HP	9 Bowden Green, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8WZ	Single Storey pitched roofed rear & side extension.	Mr & Mrs A Hyett	Approved
20/01347/HP	38 Burrish Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8HY	Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension, dormer windows to rear to extend existing loft space.	Mr James Kendall	Approved
20/01508/HP	10 The Oaklands, Droitwich Spa	Erection of front extension (variation of condition 2, ref 20/01039/HP)	Mr & Mrs Robinson	Approved

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20/01512/HP	31 Mayflower Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8PZ	Side extension to existing property	Mr Thomas Saddington	To support the application & ensure that the recommendations from the WDC Heritage Officer are applied with regard to conservation and provision of bat boxes to maintain habitat.
20/01641/OUT	Land opposite Yew Tree Farm, Newland Road, Droitwich Spa	Outline application for up to 7 self-build dwellings (matters relating to access, appearance, layout and scale are all reserved).	Build 1	To recommend refusal based on concerns for over development, insufficient infrastructure in place to sustain the proposals and to fully support similar concerns expressed by nearby residents and Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council. The concerns put forward by the Forestry Commission regarding adherence to the Government Policy & Guidelines for development of land relating to ancient woodland should be fully interpreted for the application. In addition to recommend the following points, 1. The Application is called to Committee by the nearby District Ward Members (Cllr's RJ Morris and J Grady).

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20/01513/ADV	Homebase Ltd, Roman Way Retail Park, Kidderminster Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 9AT	5 No fascia signs plus 1 No Totem (of 5 signs) all illuminated.	TJM Ltd	2. Clarification as to the development boundary as the interpretation of WDC and Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council differ in the opinion that " the application lies wholly outside of the Development Boundary for Droitwich Spa as defined by the SWDP" . Extract quoted from WDC Policy Document on application dated 28.8.2020. Support- No Objection.
20/01584/HP	10 St Augustine Drive, Droitwich Spa , WR9 8QR	Proposed new garage and minor alterations to front elevation of house.	Mr & Mrs C Shotton	Support- No Objection
20/01757/ADV	Homebase Ltd, Roman Way Retail Park, Kidderminster Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 9AT	Installation of Advertising Totem	TJ Morris Ltd	Support- No Objection

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20/01773/HP	21 Netherwich Gardens, Droitwich Spa, WR9 9AF	Erection of single storey side extension	Mr & Mrs L Bromfield	Support- No Objection
20/01609/HP	75 Tagwell Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7AQ	Glazed canopy to rear elevation , change of roof to conservatory	Andrew O'Neil	Support- No Objection
20/01753/HP	12 Oakland Avenue, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7DD	Single storey side & rear, pitched and flat roofed extension	Mr & Mrs R Fisher	Support- No Objection