

# 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 14 October 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 J Grady

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs JM Chaudry, DM Craigie, CM Murray and AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs K Fellows, RP Hopkins, A Humphries, AH Laird, DJ Morris, RJ Morris and WT Moy (Ex Officio).

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none received.

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## 147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none received.

## 148. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2019.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9 September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 149. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor E Bowden abstained from the vote in decision making for application reference 19/01995/FUL- 80 Mayflower Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8PZ.

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.

## 150. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

151. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

(A) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 9 approval notices. Of these 2 did not have consultation responses from the Town Council due to scheduling dates , 4 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee and 3 did not. The three applications that did not accord are,

17/02334/OUT- Residential development of land of up to 9 dwellings- Casa Colina.

19/01728/HP- Erection of single story outbuilding for storage & therapeutic hobbies (retrospective)

19/00860/FUL- Replacement of dilapidated building with workshop/store facility for existing car wash.

With reference to 17/02334/OUT, Councillor GR Brookes expressed disappointment that having reviewed the WDC Planning Committee meeting podcast from 19 September 2019 the case officer had incorrectly reported that “no objections had been received from consultees”. The statement was timed at 28.47 minutes from the broadcast. Whilst this may have been an oversight the statement does misrepresent and trivialises the objections put forward by the Droitwich Spa Town Council – Planning Committee as well as other consultees. It was accepted that the omission may not have changed the outcome of the Planning Committee decision making but the inaccurate statement was factually incorrect and a clear misrepresentation of the position. Councillor Brookes added that having taken legal guidance such matters had in the past been escalated for Judicial Review and lead to the retraction of planning decisions. To this effect a proposal was put forward for a letter to be prepared by the Town Clerk requesting that Wychavon District Council investigate and review this matter including a request for any remedial steps to be taken in order to ensure that the responses of all consultees are accurately and fairly considered by Planning Officers and the Planning Committee in future.

(B) 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 9 September 2019.

**RESOLVED** That the Town Clerk prepares a letter requesting that Wychavon District Council investigate and review application case reference 17/02334 OUT and the reported misrepresentation of Consultee objections by the Planning Officer to the Planning Committee on 19 September 2019, evidenced by the podcast (timed 28.47 mins). A Request for a review of procedures was stipulated in order to ensure that the responses of all consultees are accurately and fairly considered by Planning Officers and the Planning Committee in future.

152. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Proposal to amend the existing limited waiting restrictions on both sides of Queen Street, Droitwich Spa. These proposed amendments are as a result of concerns raised by local businesses following recent changes to the traffic system. This has resulted in a need for shorter stay parking and the quicker turnover of spaces. It is therefore proposed that the existing limited waiting which is currently 45 minutes no return within 2 hours, be amended to 15 minutes no return within 2 hours. This will then encourage a quicker turnover of spaces which will be beneficial to local businesses and their customers. The proposals have the support of the local member County Councillor GR Brookes.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

153. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Notification of gas main replacement works and temporary road closure- High Street, Droitwich Spa. Proposed start date 12 November 2019 until 15 November 2019. Diversion will be via Queen Street, Salt way, Ricketts Lane & Friar Street. Restricted access will be maintained in the High Street only for emergencies, deliveries and residents

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

154. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Proposed 40 MPH speed limit traffic regulation order. To facilitate the changes to the A38/ Pulley Lane junction and associated works. The matters arising are –

- (a) The desirability of securing & maintaining reasonable access to premises.
  - (b) The effect on the amenities of any locally affected (and without prejudice to the generality paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of the roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
  - (c) The strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy).
  - (d) The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
  - (e) Any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.
- Any feedback and views are requested by 11 October 2019.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.32pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
11 November 2019

Chairman of Council .....  
16 December 2019