

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at St Richards House on Monday 3 July 2023 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor GA Duffy – Chairman
Councillor GR Brookes
Councillor SJ Brazier
Councillor PD Clements
Councillor DI Davidson
Councillor J Grady
Councillor AL Key
Councillor Mrs K Fellows (Ex officio)

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mrs C Bowden, E Bowden, Mrs JM Chaudry, RP Hopkins & VP Humphries

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors M Brook, N Franks, RJ Morris & AM Sinton.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: There were none received.

Councillor GR Brookes Chaired the Meeting in his capacity as the Vice Chairman following agreement with Councillor GA Duffy (Designated Committee Chairman).

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78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor DI Davidson declared a non-pecuniary interest for application reference W/23/00887/CU (25 Station Street, Droitwich Spa) for the reasons that he has been a joint owner of the property until 2022, knows the current owner and neighbours and has attended a reception hosted by the applicant. For these reasons it was noted that Councillor Davidson may comment during discussion when considering the application as part of the schedule but would abstain from the vote and any decision making.

79. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JUNE 2023.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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.

81. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

82. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 3 approval notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting on 12 June 2023. Of these, all 3 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee *[for information]*.

(b) Refusal Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued no refusal notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting which took place on 12 June 2023 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

83. Department of Transport National Casework – Made Order reference WM/5356 for the Stopping Up of the Highway at 17 St Peters Walk, Droitwich Spa , WR9 8EU, OS Grid Reference E:390375, N:263037. A copy of the Order and location details made under provision of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 247 is attached for information. The effective date is 28 June 2023 *[for information]*.

Councillor GR Brookes explained the process for a making up order.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

84. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).). Draft Order for Permitted Parking Area & Special Parking Area (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2004 (variation 2023- prohibition). To cover prohibition of waiting on Union Lane, Droitwich Spa. The section of Union Lane (South side) from a point 51 metres south of the junction with Hampton Road for 81 metres south easterly. Any comments and representations are requested in writing to the County Council Highways Department or through email by 20th July 2023 latest direct to roadtrafficregs@worcestershire.gov.uk *[public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information]*.

Councillor DI Davidson commented that the proposed Order would cause disruption in his Ward where up to 30 commuter cars that usually parked on Union Lane would be required to park elsewhere adding to pressures in the Central area. It was also mentioned that Union Lane has restricted visual splay due to the sweeping bend.

Councillor GR Brookes explained that the item was just for information unless the Town Council Planning Committee wished to put in a resolved Corporate Opinion response of Objection. Councillor Brookes mentioned that the Agenda description does outline the consultation representations process which is open for public responses until 20th July 2023.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

85. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 21 Day Notice of Road Closure for Emergency Works – A4133 Roman Way, Droitwich Spa. Notice of temporary restrictions to enable emergency bridge jointing repairs at High Park roundabout. Anticipated duration is 1 day commencing 6th June 2023 (now completed) *[public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Chairman of Committee
24 July 2023
Chairman of Council
25 September 2023