

# Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at St Richards House on Monday 9 October 2023 at 6.00 pm.

**PRESENT:**

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

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors N Franks, RP Hopkins, RJ Morris & AM Sinton.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Mrs C Bowden, E Bowden, M Brook, Mrs J Chaudry, & J Grady.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** There were none received.

Prior to the start of the Meeting Councillor GA Duffy – Chairman of the Planning Committee asked Members to stand before reading aloud the following memorial tribute in recognition for the recent passing of Ex- Councillor Laurie Evans. This was followed by a minute's silence.

In memory of Laurence Evans

The loss of former Cllr Laurence Evans is one that touches many of us in Droitwich. I only had the pleasure of knowing Laurie from the time he stood for election with my mother when they ran an excellent campaign, a skill often attributed to Laurie from his many years helping others win their elections but a win he always blamed on Lynne. It was a skill he later brought to me, spurring me to stand for election after always being an inviting and engaging face at council events. Despite his initial reticence to stand as a Councillor, Laurie found great joy in imparting his wisdom to many different committees and enjoyed living a life of serving others, always looking for the next way to help, not for personal pride but to leave any room better than when he entered.

Laurie had an incredible head for good governance, using his calculative abilities to ensure things were done right. Right by the numbers but also morally right. Elected to Droitwich Town and Wychavon District Councils in 2007, re-elected in 2011 to the town and again in 2015, Cllr Evans fought hard to ensure his residents of Droitwich West were well and fairly represented whilst keeping at his forefront the needs of the town he loved. He showed this love through his continued support of many groups in Droitwich Spa after his retirement from Council in 2019, helping groups like the Girl Guides and the Saltway Team Churches with their accounts as well as with his fount of knowledge that he made available to any who'd ask.

Laurie's work for our town did not start when he was elected, giving his time for many years as a Rotarian, a volunteer Santa and supporting partner of his wife Eve in her time as a councillor, causing many smiles making himself known as the Mayoress whilst Eve served Droitwich as its Mayor. This supportive nature was clearly a part of all he did as a family man, raising a loving and proud family who reflect so well the positivity he gave and who have our deepest condolences.

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160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

161. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2023.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

162. 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.

163. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

164. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 1 approval notice since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting on 11 September 2023. This 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 11 September 2023 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

165. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 21 Day Notice Road Closure notification for U41518 Charles Henry Road, Droitwich Spa. To temporarily close the section from the junction with U41521 Elizabeth Avenue for a distance of 80 metres in a north westerly direction. The closure is to enable essential water main repairs with provision made for up to 21 days. Anticipated timescales are 2 days commencing 25 September 2023 *[public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.12pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
6 November 2023  
Chairman of Council .....  
18 December 2023