

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at St Richards House on Monday 5 February 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor G Duffy – Chairman
Councillor GR Brookes
Councillor M Brook
Councillor SJ Brazier
Councillor PD Clements
Councillor DI Davidson
Councillor J Grady
Councillor AL Key

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors, Mrs J Chaudry, N Franks, RP Hopkins & RJ Morris.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mrs C Bowden, E Bowden & AM Sinton.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: There were none received.

oo00000oo

317. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor DI Davidson declared a non- pecuniary interest in Application Reference W/23/02566/FUL – Brindley Manor, Nursing Home, St Peters Walk, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8EX for the reason that he has family members residing near to the address.

318. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2024.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15 January 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

319. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For the application schedule all decisions were voted unanimously by the Committee Members.
Amended Planning Applications - None received.

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.

320. 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 15 January 2024. 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 15 January 2024 [*for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

321. VAS/OPCC Funding –Safer Roads Scheme. Pursuant to draft minute references 262/ 2023-2024 of the Planning Committee meeting and 292/2023-2024 of the Resources Committee meeting both held on 15th January 2024, to confirm submission of a funding application to the OPCC Safer Roads Grants Scheme as at 24th January 2024. The outcome will be advised in due course [*for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

322. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Permitted Parking Area & Special Parking Area (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2004 and Variation Order 2024. Prohibition of Waiting on Honeymans Gardens in Droitwich Spa. To prohibit waiting at any time on the sections – Northwest Side from the junction of the Kidderminster Road roundabout 16 metres south westerly and Southeast Side for 58 metres in the same direction. The order comes into operation on 1st February 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

323. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 5 Day Notice of Temporary Road Closure for U41513 Mayflower Road, Droitwich Spa. To close the section between the junctions with U41517 Winslow Avenue -North & South. The reason is to investigate and reconstruct subsiding footpaths by WCC Highways. The closure provision is for a maximum of 5 days and anticipated to be completed in 3 days from 21st February 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

324. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 5 Day Notice of Temporary Road Closure for U41417 Primsland Way, Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction of U41451 Elgar Crescent to the junction of U41424 Newland Road. The reason is to enable foot way reconstruction by WCC Highways. The closure provision is for a maximum of 5 days and anticipated to be completed in 4 days from 14th February 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

325. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). First Notice of Order for temporary road closure of U41517 Winslow Avenue, Droitwich Spa. To close the section between the junctions with U41518 Charles Henry Road and the B4090 Hanbury Road. The reason is to investigate and reconstruct subsiding footways by WCC Highways. The closure is anticipated to be 3 days from 26 February 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

Councillor GR Brookes commented that it was encouraging to see so many footway improvement works listed as being notified by the County Council Highways Department for Droitwich Spa. It was also noted that further footway improvement works are to be scheduled shortly within the Community.

326. Consultation on Charity Street Collection Permit Application – December 2024

Worcestershire Regulatory Services administers licensing on behalf of Wychavon District Council and has received an application for a permit for two charity street collections, to take place in Droitwich Town Centre during December 2024.

The applications fall outside the collection criteria set out in Wychavon District Council’s street collection policy, meaning that permits cannot be granted automatically. In these circumstances the licensing authority is required to consult with the relevant Town Council before issuing a collection permit, and this email is by way of consultation on the application. The details of the application are:

Applicant - Droitwich Lions Club

Collection dates -

- 0900 to 1700 on 13 and 14 December 2024, to take place in Saint Andrew’s Square, Droitwich
- 0900 to 1700 on 20 and 21 December 2024, to take place outside Waitrose, Saltway, Droitwich

The reasons for consulting with the Town Council are:

- the application seeks to authorise collections that include Fridays (*the policy normally requires collections to take place on Saturday only*)
- the application will result in two collections by the same charity, separated by a week (*the policy limits collections by any charity to one per year*)
- each collection will last for two days (*the policy limits collections to one day*)

Please can the Town Council consider the application and advise whether or not it has any objections to a permit being granted.

If the Town Council does not object to the application being granted, a permit for the collections will be granted to take place as described in the application.

If the Town Council DOES object, then the application will be referred to the Licensing Committee for determination. The Committee will take into consideration the details of the application any objections made before determining whether or not to grant a permit [*Wychavon District Council Street Collection Policy for your information*].

Councillors DI Davidson and GA Duffy both commended the Droitwich Lions on their charity fund raising activities. This was endorsed by a unanimous vote of support from all Elected Members present.

RESOLVED That the information be noted and no objections raised.

The meeting closed at 6.12pm.

Chairman of Committee
26 February 2024
Chairman of Council
29 April 2024