

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at St Richards House on Monday 15 January 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
Councillor Mrs K Fellows (Ex officio)

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors V Humphries & AM Sinton.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: There were none received.

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255. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor SJ Brazier declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application Reference W/23/02471/HP – 20 Showell Green, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8UE and did not participate in the decision making part.

256. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2023.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4 December 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

257. 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.

258. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 4 approval notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting on 4 December 2023. Of these all 4 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 4 December 2023 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

259. Notification of Planning Appeal – Wychavon District Council have provided the notification for the following Application Appeal dated 4th January 2024 *[details attached for information]*.

Reference: Planning appeal W/22/00201/OUT at Land at (Os 8894 6544), Kidderminster Road, Hampton Lovett.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

260. National Highways – M5 Junction 8 Carriageway Repairs – To note information provided by the National Highways Agency for works commencing 8th January 2024. Anticipated completion is by summer 2024 *[details, online links and location map all attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

261. National Highways- National Emergency Area retrofit – Smart Motorways. To note information provided by the National Highways Agency for works commencing to improve the safety of Smart Motorways. This is applicable for the M5 junctions 4a to 6 section in this area. Work is anticipated to start in early 2024 *[details &, online links attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

262. VAS Location Assessment -Tagwell Road (Falcon Close vicinity). To confirm that Councillor GR Brookes has requested WCC Highways carry out a feasibility assessment for the suitability of an additional VAS position as outlined, as at 12 December 2023. There is some possible funding availability for solar VAS infrastructure through the OPCC Scheme, towards Community Road Safety measures (second edition). Details have been separately notified and the opportunity closes for applications on 2nd February 2024. Applications for grant funding do require an assessment for suitability and a site licence permit to have been completed by the Highways Authority in advance of any submissions. The WCC Enquiry number registered is #6307 dated 13th December 2023. Licence granted and received as at 2nd January 2024. Cross reference to Resources Committee agenda (15.01.2024) for connected funding opportunity consideration *[provisional site location plan, photos and confirmed licence attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

263. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). First Notice of Order for Footpath Closure – Link Footpath F40050 Valley Walk and Footbridge BR7638 – Little Hill Court to Briar Mill, Droitwich Spa. To temporarily close the section from the north side of the canal towpath to the junction of Valley Walk to enable bridge replacement works. Anticipated duration of closure is 159 days from 8th January 2024 *[public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

264. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Draft Order for Permitted Parking Areas and Special Parking Areas- Waiting Restrictions and Street

Parking Places. Bourne Close and Harris Close, Droitwich Spa. To consider an Order to prohibit waiting at any time for - Bourne Close (East Side) for a distance of 6.8 metres northerly and 23.5 metres southerly, Bourne Close (West Side) for a distance of 4.5 metres northerly and 28 metres south easterly – both from the centre point of the junction of Harris Close, and Harris Close (both sides) 9 metres westerly from the junction of Bourne Close [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

265. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Draft Order for Permitted Parking Areas and Special Parking Areas- Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places. To consider an Order to prohibit waiting at any time on the following length and side of road – Ten Acres, Berry Hill Industrial Estate , Droitwich Spa (East Side) . The section from a point 61 metres north of the Furlongs continuing for 54 metres in a northerly direction [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

266. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Second Notice of Order for temporary Road Closure- U41704 Kidderminster Road, Droitwich Spa. Notification of amended start date from 13th November 2023. To close the section from U41701 Vines Lane and U41704 Hampton Road junctions to enable removal of vegetation overgrowth and to replace bridge signage by WCC Highways. Anticipated duration is 3 days from 13 November 2023 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

267. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). First Notice of Order for temporary Footpath Closure – Link Footpath F40876 Park Way (Side no 18) to West Acre, Droitwich Spa for the section as far as Bridge number BR 7555. To enable bridge reconstruction by WCC. Anticipated duration is 153 days (24 hours) commencing 8th January 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

268. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). First Notice of Order for temporary Road Closure for the U41708 Ledwych Road, Droitwich Spa. To close the section from U41713 Ledwych Road from its junction at U41717 Ledwych Gardens as far as U41712 Stouton Croft. To enable carriageway resurfacing by WCC Highways. Anticipated duration is 1 day between 19 January 2024 and 1 February 2024. Second Notice Order also received 8th January 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

269. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Temporary Closure Order for Link Footpath F40876 Park Way (side no 18) to West Acre, Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction with South end of the structure of Bridge number BR7555 to its junction with North end of the structure of Bridge number BR7555. To enable bridge reconstruction by WCC. Anticipated duration is 153 days (24 hours) commencing 8 January 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

270. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 21 Day Notice Road Closure Order for U41470 Grosvenor Crescent, Droitwich Spa. This is an emergency traffic restriction for the section between U41469 Grosvenor Way and the junction with U41471 Grosvenor Close. The provision is for 21 days commencing 19 December 2023 to enable emergency gas main repairs by Cadent. Anticipated duration is one working day only [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.37pm.

Chairman of Committee
5 February 2024
Chairman of Council
22 January 2024