

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at St Richards House on Monday 3 June 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor S Brazier – Chairman
Councillor PD Clements
Councillor DI Davidson
Councillor GA Duffy
Councillor AL Key
Councillor VP Humphries
Councillor AM Sinton - (Ex officio)

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors GR Brookes, R Deller & J Grady.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: None.

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13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sue Brazier declared a non- pecuniary interest in application reference 24/000915/CLE for 11 Mulberry Tree Hill, Droitwich Spa for the reason of knowing the applicant. She abstained from the vote.

Councillor RJ Morris & AM Sinton both declared a non- pecuniary interest in application reference W/24/00592/FUL – Land at rear of 67 High Street , Droitwich Spa for the reason that they know one of the local business owners who has registered objections to the application proposals.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 APRIL 2024.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8 April 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. To note the Membership and Chairmanship of the Committee, as determined at the Annual Council meeting on 13 May 2024 (details at end of Agenda).

RESOLVED The information was noted.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

For the application schedule all decisions were voted unanimously by the Committee Members present, with the exception of Application reference 24/000915/CLE for 11 Mulberry Tree Hill, Droitwich Spa for which Councillor S Brazier abstained from the vote.

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.

17. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 7 approval notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting on 8 April 2024. Of these 6 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee and one was a comments only response *[for information]*.

(b) Refusal Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued one refusal notice since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting which took place on 8 April 2024 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

18. 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 that replacement Solar VAS have been fitted at Salwarpe Road & Addyes Way on Thursday 2nd May 2024 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

19. Notification of Withdrawal of Planning Application – Wychavon District Council have provided the notification of withdrawal for Planning Application W/22/01558/FUL– Residential Development of 25no Affordable Dwellings and associated infrastructure on land north of Newland Lane, Droitwich Spa , WR9 7JH as at 19th April 2024 *[details attached to Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

20. Notification of Planning Appeal Inquiry Dates – Wychavon District Council have provided the notification for the following Application Appeal dated 19th April 2024. Reference: Planning appeal W/22/00201/OUT – Outline Planning application for the erection of up to 102 dwellings, new vehicular and pedestrian access and associated works. All matters reserved except for access. Land at (OS 8894-6544) Kidderminster Road, Hampton Lovett

A second notification received on 15th March 2024 informed of postponement for the Appeal Inquiry. The new date from the Planning Inspectorate for the commencement of the inquiry regarding the above appeal was notified as 23rd July 2024

A further notification dated 22nd May 2024 advises that the appeal has now been withdrawn and no further action will be taken *[details attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

21. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 21 Day Notice Footpath Closure for Link Footpath F40208 Chawson Pleck via Railway Level Crossing in Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction with U41658 Westbury Avenue to the junction with the Linked Footpath F40081 at Glendale (side of number 9). The reason for the temporary restriction is Railway maintenance work affecting the Level Crossing. Provision is 24hours closure for a maximum of 21 days from 30 April 2024 *[public notice and copy sealed order attached with Agenda for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

22. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Second Notice of Order for Temporary Road Closure for part of the U41544 St Andrews Street, Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction of the U41531 Friar Street to the junction with U41543 St Andrews Road. To enable essential hydrant renewals by Severn Trent Water. Anticipated duration is 1 day commencing 5th May 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

23. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Second Notice of Order for Temporary Road Closure Order of U41520 Rose Avenue, Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction of U41518 Charles Henry Road to the junction of U41514 St Peters Crescent. To enable footway reconstruction by WCC Highways Department. Anticipated duration is 9 days commencing 13 May 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

24. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Second Notice of Order for Temporary Road Closure Order of U41740 Paddock Way, Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction with U41720 Westwood Road to the junction of U41742 Crofters Way. To facilitate works vehicles working on the Link Footpath (adjacent houses 1 to 17) by WCC Highways Department. Anticipated duration is 3 days commencing 8 May 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

25. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). First and Second Notices of Order for Temporary Road Closure Order of C2076 The Holloway in Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction of U41518 Charles Henry Road to the junction of U41521 Elizabeth Avenue. To enable works for replacement electricity cables by National Grid Electricity Distribution. Anticipated timescale is 4 days commencing 28 May 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

26. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Various Roads near Droitwich Spa, Hampton Lovett and Cutnall Green (30mph restricted roads and 40 mph). Revocations and Proposals Order 2019. To update the speed limit on roads as detailed on the accompanying public notice. This order is effective from 30 May 2024 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

27. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 5 Day Notice of Temporary Road Closure for U41530 Worcester Road, Droitwich Spa. To close the section from the junction of the B4090 Worcester Road roundabout and the junction of U41513 St Andrews Road. To enable surface dressing application by WCC Highways Department. Anticipated duration is 18 days from 16 May 2024 working hours 07.00 to 19.00 [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

As an additional item the Chairman mentioned the notice of the proposals for the prohibition of “waiting at any time” put forward by WCC Highways on 28th May and circulated by the Town Clerk. This was for the reason that the consultation period for comment ends on 24th June which is before the next scheduled Town Council Planning Committee Meeting. Councillors P Clements and RJ Morris updated that they both were in support of the proposed measures to help mitigate against the obstructions being caused by parked vehicles on that section of Celvestune Way. It was added that the request to WCC originated from local residents and it is thought that the measures will go some way to improve the position.

The meeting closed at 6. 40pm.

Chairman of Committee

01 July 2024

Chairman of Council

17 June 2024