

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at 5.30 pm on **MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2015** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham.

Chairman: Cllr A P Booth (Deputy Mayor)

Vice Chairman: Cllr R S W Jones

Councillors: Cllr Mrs S Amor, Cllr A Barlow, Cllr P R Boyd, Cllr M D Elliman,  
Cllr Miss E Haynes, Cllr Mrs J Johnson, Cllr F Kaler (Mayor),  
Cllr Mrs M Sale, Cllr C Tether

Officer: Mr S D Carter (Town Clerk)

Also present were Councillors Mrs D R Raphael and R W Raphael and three members of the public.

#### **45. Apologies for Absence**

All Members were present.

#### **46. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest including requests for dispensation (if any)**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **47. To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2015 had been circulated to all Members with the agenda. No questions were raised on the progress of any items. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true record

#### **48. Planning Applications**

- (a) 15/02102/CU (also W/15/02128/LB Building Consent) – Mr & Mrs Mumford – Second Floor Office Suite A at 62 High Street  
Conversion of second floor office to residential flat  
<http://bit.ly/1ERMNB6>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved. It was highlighted that there was a need to ensure that there was secure access as the locations just off the High Street means that it can be vulnerable.

- (b) 15/02154/PP – Mr & Mrs Sanders – Cranfield Greenhill Park Road  
Two storey extension, single storey extension to rear and replacement detached garage  
<http://bit.ly/1QstaAN>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved subject to the proposal not affecting neighbouring properties.

- (c) 15/02277/PP – Mrs F Hirons – 1 Badsey Road  
Proposed single storey flat roofed extension

<http://bit.ly/1iLAlcc>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.

- (d) 15/02086/PP – Mr R Smith – Bossington, 60 Broadway Road  
Proposed rear and side extension  
<http://bit.ly/1EZO5Kk>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved subject to the proposal not affecting neighbouring properties.

- (e) W/15/01994/PP – E.ON Energy Solutions – 117 Pershore Road  
Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of the property in a neutral colour (white/cream/grey)  
<http://bit.ly/1EZOCvW>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.

- (f) W/15/02302/PP – Mr P Hiles – 33 Coxlea Close  
New front porch and single storey rear extension  
*No comment was made as the plans were not uploaded in time for the meeting. The Clerk has gained an extension to the deadline and this application will be considered at the next meeting of this committee.*

- (g) W/15/02231/CU – Mr and Mrs G Godber – Oxstalls Cottage, Blayneys Lane  
Proposed barn conversion to 2 no. dwellings and replacement of covered area to form garage and amenity space.  
<http://bit.ly/1FcgwaO>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved subject to the proposal not affecting neighbouring properties.

- (h) W/15/02219/PP – Mr Heath – 74 Wood End  
Single storey rear extension.  
<http://bit.ly/1OTPTVh>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved subject to the proposal not affecting neighbouring properties.

#### **49. Planning Decisions**

A list of recent planning decisions as notified by Wychavon District Council had been circulated with the agenda for Member's information.

**NOTED**

#### **50. Update on the South Worcestershire Development Plan**

Members had received a report prior to the meeting informing them of the proposed amendments to the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP).

It was explained that the Finance Officer Mrs C Chambers had attended a recent briefing by WDC on the SWDP, and she had subsequently written a report detailing the proposed modifications that were to be consulted on. It was noted that the consultation, which was to open

in October, was on the modifications, therefore no comments could be raised about anything that was not a modification.

The highlighted modifications concerning Evesham were as follows:

SWDP50/7 – Land off Abbey Road, Evesham

Within the area identified on the Policies Map, a sustainable, well-designed development will be delivered which will include:

- Provision of approximately 250 dwellings; (increased from 200)

SWDP 51/1 Cheltenham Road, Evesham (22.47ha)

- Provision of approximately 500 homes; (increased from 400)
- Protection of the Chemtura employment site

Members expressed their disappointment at the increase in housing provision for the two sites, these being Abbey Road and Cheltenham Road.

Regarding Abbey Road, it was highlighted that with 200 houses, the infrastructure could not cope, and this would be further worsened by an additional 50 houses. Abbey Road is backed up many times a day at present without this additional housing.

Similar concerns were raised with regards to the increase in housing allocation along Cheltenham Road. Traffic conditions are already poor along the Cheltenham Road and further development would probably mean queuing back to the A46 roundabout thus possibly blocking the A46 trunk road at times.

With regards to both developments generally, concerns were highlighted with regards to the further burden to be placed on schools and GP surgeries, which were or near to capacity now. In addition, the sewerage system is Victorian and prone to flooding, and this would only be further exacerbated by the modifications.

Members understood that they could only comment on the proposed modifications, i.e. the increase in allocation, though the same concerns applied.

It was noted that the SWDP was to be considered at a WDC meeting on the 30 September and it was **RESOLVED** to feedback these concerns to the two Town Councillors who also sat on the Planning Committee at WDC, Cllrs Mrs Sandalls and Barclay. It was further **RESOLVED** to formulate a response to the consultation which is open until November, and consider this at the next meeting of the Planning and Estates Committee before it is formally submitted to the inspector.

## **51. Evesham in Bloom**

A verbal report was given detailing the a proposal for the Town Council to once again enter Evesham into the Britain in Bloom competition. Cllr Mrs D R Raphael had stated that she would once again be happy to coordinate an entry, though she would require assistance.

Members agreed that the floral display around Evesham had been absolutely fantastic this year, though it was highlighted that flowers only represent a quarter of the points awarded. There is significant weighting given to community engagement, environmental sustainability etc. It was highlighted that entering Britain in Bloom was one of the actions detailed in the recently adopted anti litter and Public Realm Strategy and that this in turn fitted with the Town Plan priorities.

Cost wise, a budget of £500 would be required. The Council already had a significant budget for floral enhancement.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to enter Britain in Bloom in the forthcoming year, and that Cllr Mrs D R Raphael take the lead in formulating Evesham's entry.

**53. Matters if urgency raised, for information only, at the discretion of the Chairman.**

There were no matters raised under this item.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.15 pm

COUNCILLOR MR A P BOOTH  
CHAIRMAN