

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at 5.30 pm on **MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016** 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 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 M S Goodge, J H Smith OBE and Mrs F S Smith (both from minute 108) one member of the press and one member of the public.

102. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr A Barlow.

103. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest including requests for dispensation (if any)

There were no declarations of interest.

104. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2015, including questions as to the progress of any items.

In relation to minute 100, it was noted that members had asked WDC to amend the description of Evesham in their consultation document which in their opinion did not elaborate enough on its riverside setting, historical buildings etc. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that, making note of the amendment, the minutes of be adopted as a true record.

With reference to minute 101, it was noted that some work had been undertaken to improve the fence at the BT building on Abbey Road.

105. Planning Applications –

- (a) W/15/03163/PN – Majesticare Evesham Ltd – Land Adjacent, 39 Offenham Road
Erection of a 65 bed care home (Class C2), associated access, car parking and landscaping - as approved under permission ref. no. W/15/01750/PN but without compliance with condition no. 11 (to allow changes to the approved plans and change design of the building)
<http://bit.ly/1P2krJ1>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be refused. The original condition was put in place for a purpose and therefore the condition should be abided by.

- (b) W/15/03249/LB – Vodafone – 20 Bridge Street
Installation of TV Aerial on the property. Listed building consent application.
<http://bit.ly/1I98Hq5>

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

- (c) W/15/03250/PN – Vodafone – 20 Bridge Street

Installation of TV Aerial on the property

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

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

- (d) W/15/03067/PP – Mr J Oughton – 11 Croft Road
New first floor extension over existing rear single storey kitchen extension
<http://bit.ly/1nkDDW6>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved, subject to the usual conditions.

- (e) W/15/03116/PP – Mr T Miles – 81 Greenhill
Single storey extension to rear to create dining room.
<http://bit.ly/1N91mx7>

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

- (f) W/15/03221/LB-Listed Building consent – Mr L Bennett – Dresden House, 51 High Street
Conversion of ground floor to shop and two offices; conversion of first and second floors to 4 no. flats. Listed
<http://bit.ly/1NglJbP>

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

- (g) W/15/03222/CU-Change of use – Mr L Bennett – Dresden House, 51 High Street
<http://bit.ly/1Osevp6>
Alterations and change of use of offices to form 4 no. flats - as approved under permission reference number W/13/01403/CU <http://bit.ly/1V1W2S4> but without complying with conditions 4 (relating to floor boards) and 5 (to amend list of approved drawings).

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

- (h) W/15/03230/PP – Mr A Marshall – 49 Alexandra Road
Proposed replacement porch and canopy.
<http://bit.ly/1U7b48V>

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

- (i) W/16/00012/CU – Mr S Homer – 3 Shor Street,
Change of use of workshop to four x 2-bedroom dwelling houses and associated repairs and external alterations
<http://bit.ly/1RPnhBI>

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

- (j) W/15/03247/PN – Wakering Engineering Co Ltd – Evesham Marina, Kings Road
Residential Development for the erection of 14 dwellings with access and parking provision
<http://bit.ly/1P0k6oh>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be refused. The application is considered over development. It will also generate a significant increase in traffic

movements which the associated roads will not be able to cope as they are considerably congested now.

- (k) W/15/02257/PN – Mr T Eustace – 2 Greenavon Close
Two dwellings with garages, plots 3 & 4 - as approved under permission ref no: W/11/02840/PN but without compliance with condition 9 (so as to allow removal of trees required to be retained)
<http://bit.ly/1Q9wL7s>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be refused. The trees provide a natural barrier and should be reinstated as per the original condition.

- (l) W/16/00016/PP – Mr B Lynch – 33 Martin Avenue
First floor rear extension.
<http://bit.ly/1Q9wXU4>

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

- (m) W/15/03261/PN – Mr D Rose – 119 Pershore Road
Erection of a pair of three bed semi-detached houses to replace four bed detached house approved under permission ref no. W/11/00764/PN.
<http://bit.ly/1PINz7W>

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be refused. The parking issues have not been resolved, and there continues to be issue with access which is very tight.

106. Planning Decisions

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

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107. Charity Street Collection Request – The James Whale Fund for Kidney Cancer

A report was circulated with the agenda asking the committee to consider a request by the James Whale Kidney Cancer charity to conduct a street collection on 12 February.

It was explained that Wychavon District Council (WDC) have a policy which usually deals with these applications without reference to the local Town or Parish Council, however, this application fell outside the policy as they had requested to do the collection on a Friday. The policy only automatically allows charities to do collections when it is to be held on a Saturday. Other criteria does apply such as a charity number, up-to-date returns etc.

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objection to the request by this charity to conduct a street collection on this date.

108. Future options for Christmas Lights

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which advised members that the Christmas lighting contract had now ended, and seeking their views on future options.

It was explained that under the recent contract, the lights were leased from a specialist company who were responsible for installation and maintenance. The Council had had a budget of just over £16,000; this was to go up to £18,000 for the forthcoming financial year.

There had been some criticism of the Christmas lights, most notably regarding the coverage on the High Street. A couple of local businesses had approached the Clerk about contributing to a lights fund to improve them, and some residents had also expressed an interest in forming a committee to take on responsibility for Christmas Lights.

Councillor Goodge explained to committee members that there seemed to be a trend that towns where the lighting display was well received, tended to be organised by volunteers, rather than the Council, and he suggested that the Council may want to consider inviting interested groups to put forward their proposals with a possible view of handing it over to them. If the ideas were not deemed feasible then the Council would continue getting quotes/tenders as it has done previously. The Council would in effect act as underwriters and would meet the any costs within its agreed budget, and expenditure beyond the budget would have to be met by any group through fundraising. Cllr Goodge stated that it was often easier for voluntary groups to fundraise from local businesses than councils.

The Committee members generally supported this idea, of working with a group to deliver a Christmas lighting scheme, though it was noted that any recommendation would have to go to Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Council that the Council ask interested groups/parties to put together a proposal to take on the lights, but that if the Council are not satisfied, that it maintains control and goes out to tender as it has previously.

Clerks Note: Christmas lighting suppliers have stated this is not an uncommon arrangement, however, any contract would have to be with the Council, and the Council would be required to underwrite any proposed expenditure, i.e., the budget is £18,000, and if it is proposed to have a scheme that costs £20,000 the Council would be liable for the extra £2,000 if the group could not fundraise the extra money.

109. Fairfield Road Speed Reduction Group

The Clerk briefly informed members that a group had been set up in Fairfield to address the perceived excess speeds that cars were driving down the road.

Cllr J H Smith OBE who is the Cabinet Member for Highways at Worcestershire County Council (WCC) informed members that WCC had conducted some speed measuring in the Fairfield Road and there had been shown to be no problem, and no further action would be taken by them.

NOTED

110. Matters of urgency raised, for information only, at the discretion of the Chairman

It was noted that there was a consultation on Planning Enforcement that the committee would like to respond to. The Clerk explained that this would have to be formally put on an agenda to respond to, and given the imminent deadline, an Extraordinary Meeting would need to be called. It was agreed that an Extraordinary meeting be called to deal with a response to this consultation and was set for 1 February 2016. The deadline was 5 February 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30 pm

COUNCILLOR MR A P BOOTH
CHAIRMAN