

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at 6.30 pm on **MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2019 at Wallace House, Oat Street, Evesham.**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Amor (Deputy Mayor)
Vice Chairman: Cllr A P Booth
Councillors: Cllr P Boyd Cllr M S Goodge (Town Mayor), Cllr R Hale,
Cllr Mrs J Johnson, Cllr Mrs M Sale, Cllr Mrs J Sandalls,
Cllr Mrs S Schaathun, Cllr Mrs C Smith

Officer: Mrs C Chambers – Committee Clerk

Also present: Cllr Mrs J Haines (non committee member) and Colin Tether of the Civic Society

26. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Miss E Haynes.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

28. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2019 were circulated with the agenda, Cllr Booth noted that in minute 20 (m) he had left the meeting before the application was discussed. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes including the amendment as a true record.

29. Planning Applications

- a. 19/01660/FUL - Travis Perkins, Unit 7A, Enterprise Way, Vale Park -
Increasing the external storage height to 5M and adapting parking bays.
<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=100471>

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend this application be approved.

Cllr Boyd abstained from voting.

- b. 19/01648/CU – Mr T Wood, 31 Port Street - Retrospective change of use from A1 shop to
A3 /A5 cafe / takeaway food
<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=100459>

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend this application be refused as concern was expressed at the increase of traffic and parking on the narrow road.

Cllrs Boyd and Sandalls abstained from voting.

- c. 19/01711/HP – Mr & Mrs Collett, 27B Merrybrook - Rear extension
<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=100522>

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend this application be approved subject to no encroachment and over barring of neighbouring properties.

Cllr Boyd abstained from voting.

- d. 19/01582/HP – Sue Fisher, Trevoze, 36 Greenhill - To remove the boundary wall adjoining the pavement and insert a new drop kerb outside front of property.
<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=100393>
It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to recommend this application be refused, as concern was expressed that there would not be enough space to turn and would result in the vehicles reversing onto a busy classified A road.

Cllr Boyd abstained from voting.

- e. 19/01708/DEM – Mr Jon Bryan, Land West Of Cheltenham Road -
Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of redundant bungalow and green houses on phase 2 land.
<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=100519>
This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

Cllr Boyd abstained from voting.

30. Planning Decisions from Wychavon District Council

The following report was tabled at the meeting and **NOTED**

Planning No:	Applicant:	Address:	Brief Description	ETC:	WDC:
19/01079/FUL	TJX	Sinclair Retail Park St Richards Road	Plant equipment	Approve	Approve

31. Restoration of Workman Bridge Plaque

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which reminded Members that the Civic Society had requested funding for the restoration of the Workman Bridge plaques. The request was considered last year and the Council deferred a decision in order to see if ownership could be established. WCC had been asked whether they are or would take ownership but no clarification had been received.

The Civic Society had subsequently contacted the Town Clerk to reaffirm their request to have the signs restored and ask whether the Town Council would contribute towards it. With no further contact from WCC, and no definitive answer as to who was the owner of plaques, the committee was asked to make a recommendation. The Civic Society had obtained a quote to do the work from a local company who specialised in signs and they had quoted £1,095. The company had undertaken historic work before including the repainting of the coat of arms on the Town Hall exterior.

It was understood that the Civic Society had a commitment from Cllr Bob Banks that he would fund £400 from his divisional fund. The Civic Society also had stated that Wychavon District Council had pledged to fund 50% of the remainder subject to Evesham Town Council finding the rest, £347.50.

In accordance with Standing Orders 3(e) to 3(g), Mr C Tether from the Civic Society addressed the committee and answered some questions.

It was commented that WCC had stated that the cost would be thousands due to the requirement to shut the path and to provide scaffolding on the river side of the bridge.

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the committee support the restoration of the plaques and that delegated authority be given to the Clerk, Mayor and Chairman to overlook and negotiate the details of the contract on the condition that, permission from WCC/Highways was granted, also on condition that the budget/cost of the restoration is approximately the same as reported i.e. £1,095, and on condition that the Council were not bound to accept the quote from the contractor the civic society had chosen and could if necessary engage another contractor to do the restorative work.

Cllr Boyd abstained from voting.

32. Traffic Order – Proposed Prohibition of Driving – Abbey Lane

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report from Worcestershire County Council which proposed a traffic order regulation on the prohibition of driving in Abbey Lane. The report explained that the order would create a walking and cycling link from Evesham Town Centre from the riverside, the proposal would physically prohibit driving through Abbey Lane from the fire station to Midland Red Road with bollards at each end. A map was also circulated with the report which highlighted the area of the proposal.

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to support the traffic order.

Cllr Boyd abstained from voting.

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

The Mayor, Cllr Goodge updated Members on the town hall refurbishment, he explained that work to fit the new flooring was suspended due to a water leak in the hall, the Mayor explained that Chase are responsible for the exterior of the town hall but could not fix the leak immediately, the leak has been temporary resolved so the fitting could commence but they are now running behind schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.10 pm

COUNCILLOR MRS S AMOR
CHAIRMAN