

EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at 6.30 pm on **MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham.

Chairman: Cllr F Kaler (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Cllr A P Booth, Cllr P R Boyd, Cllr J Bulman, Cllr M D Elliman, Cllr M S Goodge, Cllr Mrs B Gurden, Cllr Ms E Haynes, Cllr R A Jakeman, Cllr G O'Donnell, Cllr Mrs D R Raphael, Cllr R W Raphael, Cllr Mrs J E Sandalls, Cllr Mrs J M W Taylor, Cllr Mrs R Whiting.

Officers: Mrs C Chambers (Finance Officer)

Those invited: Sgt Stayte and PC Paul Lewis of West Mercia Police

24. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A L Dyke, Mrs W Dyke, M Hammon, C D Homer (Town Mayor), Mrs L Jakeman, Mrs F S Smith, J H Smith OBE and N S Tucker.

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

Councillors Bulman, Jakeman and Mrs Sandalls declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 28 planning applications, since they were members of Wychavon District Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr O'Donnell declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute No 28, planning application (i) since the applicant was known to him.

26. Announcements by:-

a) The Chairman

The Chairman Cllr Kaler reminded Members of the Council's annual bonfire night which would be held on 5 November and asked Members who wish to volunteer to help to let the Town Clerk now.

b) The Town Mayor

No announcements were made under this agenda item.

c) Cllr Booth

Cllr Booth spoke on the passing of Mr Noel Wilkes who had died on 25th October 2014. Mr Wilkes was described as an Evesham veteran of the D-Day landings and town stalwart. Cllr Booth added that Mr Wilkes was a war hero, and was well known for his work with the Royal British Legion and both the Evesham Sea Cadets and Army Cadets. It was a great loss to Evesham.

Cllr Booth also reminded Members of the Remembrance Service on 9 November, Armistice Day on 11 November and the service at Bengeworth Church on 16 November, all at 11am.

27. Police Report

The Chairman Cllr Kaler welcomed Sgt Phil Stayte and PC Paul Lewis to the meeting. Sgt Stayte reported on 3 police operations the first related to car crime, specifically 4 x 4s which were being targeted by thieves for their catalytic convertors. The second operation focused on retail crime, officers were dressing in plain clothes and targeting shop lifters. The third focused on criminals who were travelling from outside Evesham. Sgt Stayte added that the majority of crimes were drug related.

PC Lewis said that no incidents were reported by either members of the public or stall holders at Evesham's Mop Fair, he added that this was the fifth consecutive year that there had been no trouble.

Sgt Stayte commented on the proposed DPPO in Workman Gardens. He reminded Members that various operations and patrols had been carried out in the past and assured Members that all reported incidents had been investigated. Sgt Stayte added that there was no quick solution to alcohol related anti social behaviour. He explained that PCSO's and accredited officers appointed by Wychavon DC could request a person to stop drinking in order to abate anti social behaviour, and that a PC would have the power to take further action if needed.

Following questions from Members Chairman Cllr Kaler thanked Sgt Stayte and PC Lewis for their reports.

28. Planning Applications

- a. 14/01804/CU & 14/01805 LB - Grange Properties (Harbourne) Ltd, The Talbot Hotel
74 Port Street
Alterations to existing building to create new escape stair, modifications to kitchen and toilets. Change of use of the function room at ground floor level to create 3 no. bedrooms plus 2 no. additional bedrooms at first floor level and 1 no. further bedroom at second floor level.

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

- b. 14/02158/AA - Cardtronics UK Ltd, trading as Cashzone, 70 High Street
Non-illuminated advertisement surrounding ATM.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved, subject to compliance with Wychavon District Council's shop fronts and signs policy.

- c. 14/02187/CU - Evesham Mechanical Services Ltd, Unit 22 Briar Close Industrial Estate
Briar Close
Proposed change of use from hire centre to offices with associated tool and equipment store. Proposed changes to existing external elevations and installations of pv solar panels.

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

- d. 14/02162/AA - Cardrotics Ltd, trading as Cashzone, Unit 2 Evesham Vale Local Centre

Davies Road
Non-illuminated sign above ATM.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved, subject to compliance with Wychavon District Council's shop fronts and signs policy.

- e. 14/02186/CU - Mr R Newbold, 102 Pershore Road
Convert shop into living accommodation into 3 flats.

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

- f. 14/02128/CU - Mr J Satchell, Land opposite Evesham Trade Centre, St Richards Road
Change of use for the installation of a Portable Unit to provide office and staff facilities.

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

- g. 14/02142/DW - Wychavon District Council, Abbey Park - Demolition of the existing old timber building and replacement with a new single storey timber building to provide an enlarged Kiosk/Café provision. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

- h. 14/01964/PN - Companion Care (Services) Ltd, New Unit on Car park at Four Pools Retail Park, Four Pools Lane
Application for the installation of a mezzanine floor to be used for retail and/or pet care, treatment and grooming facility and installation of rear first floor fire exit, external rear staircase, gas bottle storage and 6 no. external air conditioning units.

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

- i. 14/02276/PP - Mr D Noyes, 9 Church Road
Erection of two storey side extension with ground floor garden room and bedroom over.

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

- j. 14/000037/REG3 - Worcestershire County Council, 103-105 Orchard Vale Childrens Centre, Cheltenham Road
Proposed remodelling of existing semi-detached houses to provide four flats, including conversion of existing garage building to provide small office space. The proposal would require change of use from family contact centre to supported living independent flats.

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

29. Designated Public Places Order for Workman Gardens

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report from Wychavon District Council (WDC) which detailed a proposal to put a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) on Workman Gardens. The report detailed the legislation and the implications of imposing the DPPO which would enable accredited officers the power to remove alcohol from individuals if it could be demonstrated that it was contributing to anti-social behaviour. The clerk's covering report stated that WDC were seeking the Town Council's support to introduce the DPPO.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to support the proposed DPPO on Workman Gardens. It was requested that WDC consider putting the signs for the DPPO in different languages and that they are placed at all entrances to Workman Gardens.

30. South Worcestershire Development Plan – Proposed Modifications consultation

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a covering report detailing a consultation into the proposed modifications to the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). The consultation document and supporting documents had been previously emailed to members for their consideration.

The report explained that following the Inspectors report and the Further Interim Conclusions, a recommendation for an increase in the housing need figure for the SWDP area, from 23,200 dwellings to 28,370 had been proposed. As a result of the recommended housing increase, the three councils who had formulated the SWDP had considered that the additional housing need would be met through the allocation of additional housing sites. This had resulted in the need to modify the plan.

Members were advised that the consultation related to the proposed modifications and not to other aspects of the plan. Members were advised that should they wish to respond individually, their comments should be submitted no later than Friday 14 November 2014. The report was **NOTED**.

31. Street Trading Consultation

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which advised Members that Wychavon District Council were currently reviewing the way that it controlled street trading. As part of this process, WDC had published a consultation document and were interested in hearing the views of representatives of both businesses and residents on the proposals.

The consultation which was available to download on the WDC website, asked if there were particular streets on which street trading should be prohibited, and asked for reasons why.

It was noted that the Council did not receive any income from street trading, and that an 'official market' was not considered street trading. Following discussion Members commented on vendors trading on Abbey Road on bonfire night outside Corporation Meadow.

Members were advised that their comments should be submitted to the Town Clerk, no later than 2 December 2014. The report was **NOTED**.

Clerk's Note: The majority of vendors trading outside the bonfire event do not qualify as street traders and do not come under the remit of Worcestershire Regulatory Services. These people are considered peddlers and the responsibility for checking their peddler's licence lies with the police. They are legally permitted to trade as long as they do not stay in one location.

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

No matters were raised under this agenda item.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

COUNCILLOR F KALER
CHAIRMAN