

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at 6.30 pm on **MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2015** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham.

Chairman: Cllr F Kaler (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Cllr Booth, Cllr P Boyd, Cllr J Bulman, Cllr A L Dyke, Mrs W Dyke, Cllr M D Elliman, Cllr M S Goodge, Cllr Mrs B Gurden, Cllr C D Homer (Town Mayor), Cllr Mrs Jakeman, Cllr RSW Jones, Cllr R W Raphael, Cllr D R Raphael, Cllr Mrs J E Sandalls, Cllr Mrs F S Smith, Cllr J H Smith OBE, Cllr Mrs J Taylor, Cllr N S Tucker, Cllr Mrs R Whiting

Officers: Mrs C Chambers

40. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Hammon and Cllr O'Donnell.

41. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest including requests for dispensation (if any) Cllrs Bulman and Mrs Sandalls declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 43 planning applications, since they were members of Wychavon District Council's Planning Committee. Cllr Mrs Jakeman declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 43, planning application (c) since the applicant was known to her.

42. Announcements by:-

a) The Chairman

The Chairman reminded members that the Property Committee Meeting that was to be held on 2 February had been moved to 9 March 2015 to be held at Evesham Town Hall after the Council meeting.

b) The Town Mayor

The Town Mayor Cllr Homer thanked everyone who had support the Burns Breakfast which was held in at the Town Hall on 24 January, he advised members that the event had raised £180.00 for the charity Caring Hands in the Vale.

43. Planning Applications –

- (a) 14/02361/PN - Land Adjacent 46 Shannon Way - Erection of proposed dwelling. It was **RESOLVED** that the application be approved.
- (b) 14/02867/PP - Mr & Mrs G Neal, Abbey Manor Farm, Worcester Road - Two storey rear extension. It was **RESOLVED** that the application be approved.
- (c) 14/01893/CU - Mr N Parrott, 18 Butterfly Crescent - Change of use of land from amenity space to domestic curtilage (retrospective). It was **RESOLVED** that the application be approved.
- (d) 14/02887/AA - Strickland Direct - Site for Units 610 620 630 and 640, Blenheim Drive - Provision of 2 no. fascia signs. It was **RESOLVED** that the application be approved.

- (e) 14/02751/OU - Mr M Candy, Land between Kings Road and Northwick Road - Outline application for the demolition of sheds and buildings and construction of 14 no. houses and surfacing track. It was moved and seconded that the application be refused as the application was considered over development, upon being put to the vote the Council was split, the Chairman had the casting vote, it was **RESOLVED** that the application be refused due to overdevelopment.
- (f) 14/02833/PN - CTC (Planning) Ltd, 6 Broadway Road - Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 3 retail units (A1) and a hot food take away (A5). It was **RESOLVED** that the application be approved but concern was expressed about the access and egress to the site, increased traffic congestion and heavy goods delivery lorries.

44. Proposed Disabled Parking Space – West Street, Evesham

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report from Worcestershire County Council who had written to inform the Town Council that they had received an application for the provision of a disabled persons parking place on West Street Evesham. The report explained that the purpose of the policy was to assist people with the most severe mobility difficulties to park close to their home. The applicant's property had no off street parking and no scope for creating such a facility, which meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the County Council's 'Policy on the Provision of Disabled Parking Spaces within Residential Areas' Therefore WCC advised that it was their intention to pursue the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to implement a disabled persons parking place on West Street, Evesham, as shown on the plan which was also attached. It was **RESOLVED** that the proposed disabled parking space be approved.

45. Diversion of Footpath 542 (part) at Merstow Green, Evesham

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report from Wychavon District Council who had written to inform the Town Council that they had received an application to divert public footpath No.542 at Merstow Green, Evesham. The application had been made under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The report advised that Waitrose had applied for planning permission for development of the Fire Station and ancillary thereto, the toilet block and car park crossed by the footpath. It was therefore Wychavon DC intention to proceed to draft the Order for the diversion of footpath No. 542, which was shown on the attached Plan No. W866/03, pending the grant of planning consent. It was **RESOLVED** that the proposed diversion of footpath 542 approved.

46. Proposed Double Yellow Lines and a Bus Stop in Cheltenham Road.

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report from Worcestershire County Council to advise the Town Council of a proposal to install double yellow lines and a bus stop clearway in Cheltenham Road. The report explained that the A4184 was a principal road which served Evesham Town centre from the south. The proposal had been put forward to remove various conflict points between Sandown Road and the pelican crossing just south of Eastwick Drive. The main issues detailed in the report were.

1. Obscured visibility exiting Sandown Road onto Cheltenham Road
2. Parking, forcing northbound vehicles into the opposing right turn lane for Sandown Road, creating a direct conflict.
3. General parking on the west side of Cheltenham Road effecting the free flow of traffic in the vicinity of the petrol filling station, post office and retail units which between them generate a significant number of turning movements.

In addition, the proposal included a bus stop clearway for a new stop to be created to provide better accessibility to the bus service for local residents, all residents directly fronting the

proposals had off street parking provision. A plan, drawing 2014.806.1 Rev A, was attached to the report. It was **RESOLVED** that the proposed double yellow lines and bus stop in Cheltenham Road be approved.

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

COUNCILLOR F KALER
CHAIRMAN