

EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at 6.30 pm on **MONDAY 30 JUNE 2014** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham.

Vice Chairman Cllr J H Smith OBE

Councillors: Cllr Booth, Cllr P R Boyd, Cllr J Bulman, Cllr M D Elliman,
Cllr M S Goodge, Cllr M Hammon Cllr C D Homer (Town Mayor)
Cllr Mrs L Jakeman, Cllr R A Jakeman, Cllr R S W Jones,
Cllr Mrs D R Raphael, Cllr R W 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 (Finance Officer)

1. Election of Committee Chairman

It was moved by Cllr Homer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sandalls that Cllr Fred Kaler be elected Chairman in his absence. There being no further nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Fred Kaler be Chairman of the Planning and General Purposes Committee for the municipal year.

2. Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

It was moved by Cllr Elliman, seconded by Cllr Booth that Cllr John Smith OBE be elected Vice Chairman. There being no further nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr John Smith OBE be Vice Chairman of the Planning and General Purposes Committee for the municipal year.

In the absence of Cllr F Kaler, Cllr J H Smith OBE Chaired the meeting.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A L Dyke, Mrs W Dyke, F Kaler and G O'Donnell.

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

Cllrs Bulman, Jakeman and Mrs Sandalls declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 6, planning applications, since they were members of Wychavon District Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Booth & Cllr Tucker declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 6, paragraph 6.1 (planning application by Mr S Grove) as the applicant was known to him.

Cllr Smith OBE declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 6 paragraph 6.3 (planning application by The Rowing Club), as he is a Club Member. Cllr Smith also declared an interest in minutes 7, 8 and 9, the Traffic Orders for Burford Road, Worcester Road and Windsor Road as he is the Transport Cabinet Member on Worcestershire County Council .

5. Announcements by:-

a) The Chairman

No announcements were made under this agenda item

b) The Town Mayor

The Town Mayor Cllr Homer informed Members that he would be running in the Evesham 10k race on Sunday 13 July he invited Members to support him on route and/or by sponsorship in aid of local charities.

6. Planning Applications

6.1 14/01087/PN & 14/01088/LB - Mr S Grove, 16 Vine Street - Proposed alterations to subdivide existing apartment to form one additional flat. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

6.2 14/01124/CU - Mr R Connelly, C/O Timothy Lea and Griffiths, Kingfisher, 59 Bridge Street - Change of Use from A1 Retail to D1 Dental Surgery. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

Cllr C D Homer took the Chair for the next application as the Cllr J H Smith OBE had declared a non-pecuniary interest in it.

6.3 W/14/01142/PN - The Rowing Club, Abbey Road - Refurbish Landing Stage and Create access for adaptive rowers. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

Cllr J H Smith OBE returned to the Chair.

6.4 W/14/01038/PP - Mrs Daffern, 82 Badsey Lane - Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to offer better use of space for disabled resident. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

6.5 W14/01145/AA – Evesham Market Town Partnership (not WDC as stated on the agenda), Abbey Bridge and Viaduct, Abbey Road, Evesham - Non-illuminated lamp post banner - 8no. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

6.6 W/ 14/00865/PN - Dr A Evans, Prince Henrys High School, Victoria Avenue - Additional School Parking. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be approved.

7. Traffic Order Consultation – Burford Road

Worcestershire County Council had written to inform the Town Council of their proposal, to Prohibit Waiting at any time on the following side and length of road:

Burford Road (north west side) – from a point 25 metres south west of its junction with Burford Gardens for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction.

From a point 40 metres south west of its junction with Burford Gardens for a distance of 20 metres in a south westerly direction.

The reason for this order was ‘to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising’. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Traffic Order for Burford road be approved.

8. Traffic Order Consultation – Worcester Road

Worcestershire County Council had written to inform the Town Council of their proposal to replace disabled persons' parking place with residents parking permit holders only or limited waiting 45 minutes no return within 1 hour on the following length of road:

Worcester Road (south west side) – from a point 25 metres south east of its junction with Briar Close for a distance of 6.6 metres in a south westerly direction. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Traffic Order for Worcester road be approved.

9. Traffic Order Consultation – Windsor Road

Worcestershire County Council had written to inform the Town Council of their proposal to revoke restriction of waiting Monday – Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm on the following lengths of road: Windsor Road (both sides) – from a point 10 metres north of its junction with Victoria Avenue for a distance of 5 metres in a northerly direction. From a point 10 metres south of its junction with Victoria Avenue for a distance of 5 metres in a southerly direction. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Traffic Order for Windsor road be approved.

10. Worcestershire County Council – Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement

Worcestershire County Council had advised that they are consulting on their statement of community involvement. ‘The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) would set out how the County Council would seek community involvement in the planning of minerals and waste and County Council developments such as new libraries, schools, roads and railway stations’. Members were also advised that a copy of the SCI could be downloaded from www.worcestershire.gov.uk/planningconsultation. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council support the contents of the Statement of Community Involvement.

11. Worcestershire County Council – Consultation on Council’s draft Planning Validation Document

Worcestershire County Council had advised that they are consulting on their draft Planning Validation Document. Worcestershire County Council as the County Planning Authority (CPA) is responsible for processing Planning Applications relating to:

- The treating, storing, processing or disposing of waste materials
- The winning and working of minerals, and
- Any development to be undertaken by the County Council itself such as new libraries, schools, roads, bridges and railway stations.

All other applications would be dealt with by the relevant District, City or Borough Council. Members were also advised that the purpose of this document was to provide applicants and their agents with guidance on the information required by the County Council to support proposals for development when submitting a planning application and that a copy of the draft Planning Validation Document could be downloaded from www.worcestershire.gov.uk/planningconsultation. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council support the contents of the Planning Validation Document.

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

Cllr Booth advised Members that a service in conjunction with the British Legion to commemorate the outbreak of WW1 will be held at All Saints Church on Sunday 3 August at 7.30pm. He also advised that there will be a ‘Lights Out’ commemorative event on 4 August starting at 9.45pm at the bandstand in Abbey Park, Evesham. Candles will be supplied or people can take their own candles or a torch.

Cllr Smith OBE advised Members that on the 10 September the Tour of Britain cycle race would be riding through Evesham. Stage 4 of the Tour of Britain cycle race will start at Worcester, race through Malvern, Upton upon Severn, through Pershore and then join the A44 east towards Twyford, turning south on to B4624 into Evesham and then onto Broadway, Cllr Smith OBE encouraged all Members to support the race.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

COUNCILLOR J H SMITH OBE
VICE CHAIRMAN