

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL****Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held in the Annexe, College House on Monday 20th March 2023 at 6.30pm.**

Present: Councillors C Aked, D Cooper (Chair), I Wellings

In Attendance: Mrs C Turner, Town Clerk
Miss A Plimmer, Business Administrator

Absent: Councillor L Neal

0413/2223 **WELCOME**

The Chair issued a welcome to the meeting.

0414/2223 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was proposed by Councillor C Aked, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: that the Committee accept the apologies and reasons for absence for the following Councillors:

Councillor J Buckley - Work Commitments

0415/2223 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

0416/2223 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

0417/2223 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor C Aked, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022.

0418/2223 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

There were no members questions.

0419/2223 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM THE 6TH DECEMBER 2022 TO 13TH MARCH 2023**

Members noted applications received, town council responses submitted under delegated authority and Shropshire Council decisions where applicable.

0420/2223 **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Members discussed the responsibility of Shropshire Council with regards to notifying residents of new planning applications and encouraging site notices in appropriate locations. It was proposed by Councillor C Aked, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to publicise planning applications for Bridgnorth on the Bridgnorth Town Council Facebook page, contact the Bridgnorth Journal with a view to applications being



publicised by the press and for Councillor D Cooper to write a draft letter to Shropshire Council to express our concerns over the lack of community involvement.

0421/2223 **23/00609/FUL - PREVIOUSLY THE ROCK HOUSE, 4 GRANARY STEPS**

Members discussed the application for The Rock House and the implications on local residents.

It was proposed by Councillor C Aked, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to delegate to officers to decide the appropriate wording for an object comment based on the concerns raised by local residents to include the following reasons;

- Removal of a number of parking spaces on Friars Street.
- Lack of visibility for cars turning out of the property that will present a safety issue.
- Stability of the cliff face during construction and use of the access road.
- Not in keeping with the conservation area and character of the street.
- Large disruption during construction.
- Noise and light pollution.
- Concerns over water drainage, particularly in icy or wet weather.

0422/2223 **23/00640/FUL - THE OLD SMITHY, ST MARYS STREET**

Members discussed the application for The Old Smithy.

It was proposed by Councillor C Aked, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to delegate to officers to decide the appropriate wording for a support comment, subject to the following conditions;

- Further plans needed for the boundary wall.
- The proposed gate to be changed to a single gate to discourage vehicular access.
- Windows to be timber framed, not UPVC.
- All building materials to be approved by conservation
- Maintenance plan for the triangular piece of land to the side of the current car port.

0423/2223 **22/05700/FUL - NEWBRIDGE HOUSE, 3 KIDDERMINSTER ROAD**

Shropshire Council granted permission for this application after the agenda for this meeting was issued. Members noted this.

0424/2223 **LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

Members noted the report from Councillor D Cooper on the progress of the Local Plan.

0425/2223 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Members discussed the following items for inclusion on the next agenda:

- Update on the Local Plan
- Update on correspondence with Shropshire Council over their statement of Community Involvement.

End : 19:45