



BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held in the Annexe, College House on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 6.45pm.

Present: Councillors D Cooper (Chair), I Wellings (Vice Chair), J Buckley, R Ireland and K Sawbridge

In Attendance: Mrs C Turner, Town Clerk

PLN/001/2324 **WELCOME**

The Chair issued a welcome to the meeting.

PLN/002/2324 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Nominations received for Chair of the Planning Committee were;

Councillor D Cooper

It was proposed by Councillor I Wellings, seconded by Councillor J Buckley
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: that the Committee appoint Councillor D Cooper as Chair of the Planning Committee for the current year.

Councillor D Cooper accepted the position of Chair of the Planning Committee.

PLN/003/2324 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Nominations received for Vice Chair of the Planning Committee were;

Councillor I Wellings

It was proposed by Councillor K Sawbridge, seconded by Councillor J Buckley
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: that the Committee appoint Councillor I Wellings as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the current year.

Councillor I Wellings accepted the position of Vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

PLN/004/2324 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None were received.

PLN/005/2324 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received.

PLN/006/2324 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present and no questions had been received prior to the meeting.

PLN/007/2324 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor D Cooper, seconded by Councillor J Buckley



Abstained by Councillors K Sawbridge, I Wellings and R Ireland who were not in attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023 as a true record of the business transacted.

PLN/008/2324 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

There had been no questions raised prior to the meeting.

Councillor K Sawbridge raised a general point regarding signage around the Town and what the Planning Committee could do to improve the standardisation of signage.

Councillor D Cooper informed that signage required planning approval and there were some standards that were required to be met due to Bridgnorth being in a conservation area. Councillor D Cooper confirmed he would circulate the rules information to all members and the option would be to raise this as a planning enforcement case to Shropshire Council.

Councillor K Sawbridge raised the issue of the graffiti on Stoneway Steps.

Councillor D Cooper informed this needed to be raised on FixMyStreet with Shropshire Council and could also be raised as a discussion point at a Full Council meeting.

Councillor I Wellings raised the issue of mobile homes parking overnight on the road in Riverside and informed that there was clause for the Riverside houses that no mobile homes could be parked on the drives and in the area and how this could be stopped for visitors who park overnight.

Councillor D Cooper informed that this would be difficult to enforce and manage, if it was illegal parking then this would be parking enforcement for the land owner or if dangerous parking a police matter.

PLN/009/2324 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members noted the Terms of Reference approved by the Town Council at the Annual Meeting on the 23rd May 2023 and made two minor changes to documentation.

Proposed by Councillor I Wellings, seconded by K Sawbridge
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to approve the changes to the Terms of Reference and make the recommendation for these changes at the next Full Council meeting.

PLN/010/2324 **RENEWAL OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Members received and reviewed the renewal of delegated authority to submit comments on planning applications.

Proposed by Councillor I Wellings, seconded by K Sawbridge
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to approve the changes, add in that all Town Councillors to be notified once a Town Council comments had been submitted to the Shropshire Planning Portal and update at the next Full Council meeting the renewal of delegated authority to submit comment on planning applications.

PLN/011/2324 **COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**



Members noted the comments submitted to Shropshire Planning via the Planning Portal under delegated authority since the last Planning Committee Meeting.

PLN/012/2324 **DECISIONS MADE BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Proposed by Councillor D Cooper, seconded by I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to agree for this agenda item to be deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting.

Councillor D Cooper raised an issue of Shropshire Council no longer publishing the Planning Officers reports that include the rational of why delegated Officers at Shropshire Council have made the decision on planning applications.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to Shropshire Planning to ask why planning officers reports were no longer published.

PLN/013/2324 **APPEALS LODGED**

No appeals had been lodged to date.

Councillor D Cooper informed that 1 appeal have been decided, planning application number 22/0065/FUL which had been refused by Shropshire Council and at appeal the inspector had refreshed the reason to potentially approve`. Members noted this update.

PLN/014/2324 **SHROPSHIRE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

Members received a verbal updated from Councillor D Cooper who informed that Shropshire Council Cabinet had approved a response on the 19th July 2023 but this had not been submitted to inspectors to date. This included the proposed new policy for older persons and the identification of suitable locations to accommodate the overspill from the Black Country, including locations to build.

Members discussed the creation of a working group for the review, comment and watching brief of the Shropshire Draft Local Plan.

Proposed by Councillor I Wellings, seconded by D Cooper
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to agree for a working group to review, comment and have a watching brief of the Shropshire Draft Location Plan and agree for Councillors D Cooper and I Wellings to be part of the working group. For the Town Clerk to email all Bridgnorth Town Councillors and ask for if any other member would like to join the group and for this working group to be retrospectively noted at the next Town Council meeting.

PLN/015/2324 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

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

- Forward Plan

End: 5.55pm