

# MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Environment Committee meeting held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock  
6 p.m. on Tuesday 2 September 2014

## PRESENT:

Cllr Mary Hill (Chairman), Cllr. Kevin Hadley, Cllr. Bert Harper, Cllr. Yvonne Holyoak, Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins and Cllr. Milner Whiteman OBE.

## TOWN CLERK:

Sharon Clayton

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Andy Mortimer – Shropshire Council  
Cllr. David Turner – Shropshire Council  
1 member of the public

### 1) CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2) APOLOGIES

There were no apologies since all Members were present.

### 3) MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 5 August 2014 were APPROVED.  
**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.**

### 4) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

COUNCILLOR	DECLARATION	MINUTE NO:
Bert Harper	14/03519/VAR – lives nearby and has expressed concerns to Shropshire Council about deviation from approved development	8
All Members	14/03552/TPO – application made by the Town Council	8

### 5) DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

### 6) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman welcomed Andy Mortimer to explain how Shropshire Council will work with the Town Council to monitor housing delivery and review the Neighbourhood Plan. He said that we need to recognise trigger points which will highlight the need for a review. The Town Council will be best placed to monitor development on the ground and tracking begins once the application has been approved. Counting of dwellings begins once the dwelling is complete and habitable. Holiday lets do not count towards the target. Following a questions and answers session **it was AGREED that:**

- i. **The monitoring system which recorded housing numbers, previously considered by the Committee at its last meeting, would serve as the basis for recording housing development.**
- ii. **The Town Clerk and Mr Mortimer would keep in regular contact to exchange housing information.**
- iii. **The Town Council and Shropshire Council would work together to find the best way to determine when a review of the Neighbourhood Plan should be carried out.**

The Chairman thanked Mr Mortimer for his advice and assistance after which he left the meeting.

**7) PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no requests to speak from members of the public.

**8) PLANNING MATTERS**

The following planning application were considered:

14/03461/LBC 49 High Street, Much Wenlock	Erection of porch/utility extension to rear affecting a Grade II* Listed Building <b>It was AGREED, providing it meets with the approval of the Conservation Officer, to support the application because it will help to alleviate flooding and will be in keeping with the ethos of the building.</b>
14/03519/VAR Street Record, Mendips View, Much Wenlock	Variation of Condition 4 (approved plans) attached to BR/APP/FUL/07/2012 to allow for amendment to design and orientation of approved house types; window alterations to comply with building regulations (plots 1 – 13) <b>It was AGREED:</b> i. <b>To support the application if it complies with building regulations.</b> ii. <b>To support the scheme to provide affordable housing.</b> iii. <b>To object to the execution of the development and the obscurity of the plans.</b>
14/03552/TPO Gaskell Recreation Ground, Station Road, Much Wenlock	To prune various trees protected by Bridgnorth District Council (William Brookes School/Gaskell Recreation Ground, Much Wenlock) TPO 2008 <b>It was AGREED not to comment since the applicant was the Town Council.</b>
14/03597/VAR 11 High Street, Much Wenlock	Variation of Conditions No: 4 and 5 attached to planning permission BR/94/0555 to allow change of opening hours and the sale of alcohol <b>It was AGREED to support the application because it supports tourism and the local economy.</b>
14/03598/TCA Cromwell Cottage, 34 Barrow Street, Much Wenlock	To crown thin by 10% one Ash tree and reduce branches back to previous pruning points by approximately 1.5m within Much Wenlock Conservation Area <b>It was AGREED to support the application because it will allow more light into the grounds and improve the safety/stability of the tree.</b>
14/03644/FUL 9 St Mary's Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of two storey self-contained annexe ancillary to the main dwelling; formation of vehicular access <b>It was AGREED to object on the grounds that it is inappropriate for the area, it is over-development of a small site, access is not suitable on the corner of the road, and it does not conform to Policy H6 in the Neighbourhood Plan for Much Wenlock.</b>
14/03700/TCA The Wheatlands, 36 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock	To fell five Lawson Cypress trees within Much Wenlock Conservation Area <b>It was AGREED to support the application provided the trees are replaced with suitable species for the environment.</b>
14/03707/TCA Ashfield Mews, 51 High Street, Much Wenlock	To fell one Conifer, one Rowan and overgrown Conifer hedge within Much Wenlock Conservation Area <b>It was AGREED to support the application because the trees are to be replaced.</b>

The following **DECISIONS** were **NOTED**.

14/02875/FUL Westwood Farm Bourton, Westwood, Much Wenlock	Removal of existing agricultural workshop; erection of new steel portal frame agricultural building with extension to house biomass boiler and fuel store <b>Permission GRANTED 21 August 2014</b>
14/03024/TCA 6 and 7 Shrewsbury Road, Much Wenlock	To fell one Ash tree within Much Wenlock Conservation Area <b>Permission GRANTED 5 August 2014</b>

**9) STREET NAMING**

None received.

**10) FOOTPATH/BRIDLEWAY CREATION ORDERS**

None received.

**11) FOOTPATH DIVERSION ORDERS**

None received.

**12) ROAD CLOSURES**

- a) High Street closed from 9.30 am until 4 pm from 7 October for 2 days for the installation of island and bollards.

**NOTED**

- b) A458 Newtown Bank, near Much Wenlock, closed commencing 1 September 2014 for two weeks for highway maintenance and re-surfacing works.

Members expressed concern following complaints from local residents that traffic had already begun to cut through Homer and suggested that adequate road closure signage was needed at Cressage. The Town Clerk informed Members that she had already passed on concerns to Shropshire Council.

**NOTED**

**13) STOPPING UP ORDERS**

None received.

**14) SPEED LIMIT ORDERS**

None received.

**15) PROHIBITION ORDERS**

None received.

**16) CONSULTATION**

None received.

**17) CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

**18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 30 September 2014 commencing at 6 pm.

**19) PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASES**

There were no planning enforcement cases.

**NOTED**

The meeting closed at 19:30.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....