

# MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Environment Committee meeting held at The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock  
9:30 am on Tuesday 5 December 2017

## Present:

Cllr. Mary Hill (Chairman), Cllr. Trevor Childs, Cllr. Herbert Harper and Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins

## Town Clerk:

Sharon Clayton

## 1) Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Milner Whiteman OBE who had a hospital appointment.

**This apology was CONFIRMED and ACCEPTED as APPROVED absence.**

## 3) MINUTES

The minutes of a Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 31 October 2017 were considered for approval.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.**

## 4) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

None declared.

## 5) Dispensations

None requested.

## 6) Public session

There were no members of the public present.

## 7) Planning matters

The following planning applications were considered:

17/05182/FUL Bourton Quarry, Bourton, Much Wenlock	Change of Use of four agricultural sheds, and rebuilding and relocation of 5 <sup>th</sup> shed for B2 Light Industrial Use <b>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection</b>
17/05184/FUL Hill Farm, Bourton, Much Wenlock	Change of Use of former equestrian buildings to B8 Storage <b>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection</b>
17/05304/TPO 1 Farley Road, Much Wenlock	To cut back the branches of one Sycamore tree protected by Bridgnorth District Council (Farley Road, Much Wenlock) TPO 1995 <b>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection provided the work is supported by the Tree Officer</b>
17/05513/FUL Talbot Garage, Bourton Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of five dwellings following the demolition of existing buildings <b>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection, and Members are pleased to note the applicant has applied the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan in the Design and Access Statement.</b>
17/05339/FUL 59 Oakfield Park, Much Wenlock	Erection of single storey rear and side extensions <b>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection.</b>

17/05364/FUL The Mount, Farley, Much Wenlock	Creation of new vehicular access and restricting existing access to pedestrian only <b>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection</b>
---	---

The following planning **DECISIONS** were **NOTED**

17/03989/FUL 17 Stretton Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of a single storey side extension Permission <b>GRANTED</b> 13 November 2017
17/04332/LBC 6 Smithfield Road, Much Wenlock	Replacement of all (6) windows on the front elevation Permission <b>GRANTED</b> 1 November 2017
17/04379/TPO Much Wenlock Town Council, Gaskell Recreation Ground, Station Road, Much Wenlock	Works to trees protected by Bridgnorth District Council (William Brookes School, Gaskell Recreation Ground, Much Wenlock) TPO 2008 Permission <b>GRANTED</b> 3 November 2017
17/04678/FUL Former Haulage Yard, Bourton Road, Much Wenlock	Change of Use of land for the siting of two timber holiday lodges for visitor accommodation and installation of package treatment plant <b>REFUSED</b> 29 November 2017

### 8) Flooding issues

Along with members of the public Town Councillors had attended a site visit to the attenuation ponds at Sytche Lane and Stretton Road to observe their completion. The Chairman, Cllr. Mary Hill reported that some members of the public had asked questions and she recommended that the Committee should ask Shropshire Council to provide the answers to the following:

- Who manages both attenuation ponds, who should be contacted in the event of any concerns?
- What has happened to the planting scheme, especially the trees?
- Is the site being kept locked or are members of the public able to walk round the roadway?
- Are there any plans to eradicate weeds from the site such as ragwort, giant thistles and hemlock?
- How are the watercourses going to be kept clear of debris? The watercourse at Sytche Lane in particular has dried up and does not appear to be running.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that these questions should be forwarded to Shropshire Council.**

### 9) Place Plan Review

Members considered for approval how to respond to the Place Plan Review and what needed to be included in the revised edition.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following should be included within the review:**

- a) **The need for a direct bus route to Telford from Much Wenlock including a thorough review of all bus links.**
- b) **Health service facilities including a new doctor's surgery.**

Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins left at this point in the meeting.

### 10) Local Plan Review

Members considered for approval how to respond to the Local Plan Review.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following response should be recommended to the Town Council:**

- a) **That the Town Council accepts that the 150 dwellings distribution is a well-considered development distribution, but the additional provision required figure of 105 is carefully considered particularly in respect of the figure of 0 completions indicated in the Plan period 2016/2017, and this figure be amended if required.**
- b) **The Town Council questions the figures shown for existing commitments and allocations and suggest that a full additional provision of 2 ha is required for employment land.**
- c) **That the Town Council wishes to see the whole of its small parish considered as a combined parish area for development purposes.**
- d) **That the Flood Catchment is emphasised in the Local Plan Review and that such a designated Rapid Response Flood Catchment must warrant a considerable consideration in relation to housing development and continued development in such catchment.**

**11) Rural Bus Service**

Members considered for approval a response concerning the future of rural bus services in Shropshire.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following response should be submitted:**

**“We require assurance of a dependable bus service from Much Wenlock to Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury because people, especially older people and students, are dependent on this service for shopping and hospital appointments. There should also be a direct regular service from Much Wenlock to Telford”.**

**12) Way marking the Shropshire Way**

Members considered for approval a response to the way marking of the Shropshire Way route through the town centre of Much Wenlock.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED no objection.**

**13) Street naming**

None received.

**14) Footpath/bridleway creation orders**

None received.

**15) Footpath diversion orders**

None received.

**16) Road closures**

None received.

**17) Tree Preservation Orders**

None received.

**18) Stopping Up Orders**

None received.

**19) Speed Limit Orders**

None received.

**20) Prohibition Orders**

None received.

**21) Traffic issues**

Concern was expressed about Fox (Owmbly) Ltd. HGVs travelling through the town and parking up overnight in the layby at Buildwas Bank, in between Buildwas and Lawley. Concern was also expressed about the broken gate at Manor Close on the sharp corner of Sheinton Street which had still not been repaired, in spite of the Town Council alerting the owners to it being a hazard. Members also considered a suggestion that parking could be moved to the other side of the road in the High Street.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Shropshire Council should be asked whether there are any major developments in the area that warrants the amount of movement and amount of material travelling through Much Wenlock.**

**22) Correspondence**

None received.

**23) Date of next meeting**

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 9 January 2018

**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

**24) Planning enforcement case**

Members were informed of a recent enforcement case.

**NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 11:07.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....