

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Environment Committee meeting held at The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
at 6 pm on Tuesday 5th March 2019

Present:

Cllr. Mary Hill (Chairman), Cllr. Herbert Harper, Cllr. Marcus Themans, Cllr. Daniel Thomas and Cllr. Milner Whiteman

Locum Town Clerk:

Trudi Barrett

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Jenkins due to a work commitment.

This apology was ACCEPTED and CONFIRMED as APPROVED absence.

3) 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 or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

4) Dispensations

None requested.

5) Public Session

None.

6) Minutes

The minutes of a Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 5th February 2019 were considered for approval. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.**

7) Planning Matters

The following PLANNING APPLICATIONS were considered:

19/00155/FUL 40 High Street, Much Wenlock	Sub-division of one dwelling into two dwellings and erection of 2 no. dwellings. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection. Councillors were very supportive of the requirement from the Highways department that any gates provided to close the proposed access be set at least 5 metres from the carriageway edge to ensure vehicles could stand off the A458 when accessing the site.
19/00156/LBC 40 High Street, Much Wenlock	Works to facilitate the sub-division of dwelling to form two dwellings to include erection of extensions, increase in roof height, insertion of sun-pipes, insertion of windows/doors, associated internal alterations, removal of chimney. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection.
19/00713/TCA 16 Victoria Road, Much Wenlock	Fell 1 no. Conifer within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. Councillors were unable to comment on this application as no details were provided on the website and no reason was given for felling the tree.
19/00850/LBC 10 Barrow Street, Much Wenlock	Replacement of 8 single glazed softwood Georgian bar windows affecting a Grade II Listed Building. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection.

19/00904/FUL Darwin Place, Southfield Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of single storey extension and ramp to replace existing wheelchair lift. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED no objection.
---	--

Councillors **NOTED** the following application, which was for information only:

19/00860/VRA106 The Old Chapel, Stretton Westwood, Much Wenlock	Variation of Section 106 for planning application number 13/01696/FUL.
--	--

The following planning DECISIONS were **NOTED**:

17/05723/FUL Proposed affordable dwelling east of Bourton Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of local needs dwelling and associated garage; installation of package treatment plant. Grant Permission
18/03090/FUL Wenlock Edge Inn, Easthope, Much Wenlock	Erection of single storey dining room extension, erection of single storey disabled access/wc extension and relocation of first floor fire escape, demolition of existing conservatory, provision of 2 no. disabled car parking spaces, connection to recently approved treatment plant. Grant Permission
18/05698/LBC Manor House, 20 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock	Replacement of 7 no. windows and a door and removal of staircase affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Grant Permission
18/05880/FUL Sewage Works V742, Much Wenlock	Installation of 1 sludge thickening building and 1 motor control centre kiosk Grant Permission

8) Ironbridge Power Station Redevelopment – meeting with Buildwas Parish Council

Councillors noted a report from the meeting with Councillors from Buildwas, Leighton & Eaton Constantine and Wroxeter & Uppington Parish Councils on 11th February 2019 regarding the Ironbridge Power Station redevelopment. Councillors wished to arrange a meeting with the Planning Policy and Strategy Manager at Shropshire Council to discuss the matter further. It was noted that representatives from Shropshire Council would be attending a developer exhibition in Cannes in France on 14th March 2019 to promote the site. Councillors noted that the site had very poor access, despite statements made by the Shropshire Council representatives to the contrary.

9) Flooding issues

It was noted that the drains and culverts in the town had still not been cleared and several were blocked. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

10) Street naming *

Councillors noted concerns raised by residents at the recent Council surgery that the new apartments created in the former Police Station had been named Constable and Sergeant, Old Police Station. As there was already an Old Police Station in the town, this was causing problems with deliveries. The matter had been raised with Shropshire Council's Street Naming and Numbering department.

11) Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

None received.

12) Footpath Diversion Orders*

None received.

13) Road closures*

Councillors noted forthcoming road closures:

- a. B4375 Benthall, 21st to 27th March 2019 between the hours of 9.30am and 4.00pm for essential maintenance.
- b. B4378 Bourton Road, 8th to 12th April 2019, day and night, for the installation of new gas connections and water works. Councillors noted that this road closure would be very disruptive. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint to Shropshire Council pointing out the frequency of road closures, the length of such closures and the disruption caused. Sometimes roads were closed due to work on pavements, which could be carried out under traffic control, rather than a closure.

14) Highways Matters

- a. Councillors noted comments made by Councillor Turner with regard to concerns raised about parked cars on Bridge Road / Smithfield Road. Concerns had been raised again at the Council surgery on 2nd March. The Clerk had written to Shropshire Council Planning Enforcement and the local Police. A letter should also be sent to Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.
It was agreed to publicise the availability of local car parking in the Wenlock Herald and on social media. Residents would be urged to write to Shropshire Council regarding the problems caused by poor parking.
- b. There were no other highways matters arising.

15) Tree Preservation Orders*

None received.

16) Stopping Up Orders*

None received.

17) Speed Limit Orders*

None received.

18) Prohibition Orders*

None received.

19) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors noted that there had been calls to review the Neighbourhood Plan, linked to the review of the Local Plan and consultation on Preferred Options sites. Clarity was awaited from Shropshire Council on the legal position with regard to the timing and mechanism for any review of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors noted the very high cost of undertaking a review.

20) Place Plans

- a. Councillors noted that a meeting to review and discuss the emerging Place Plan for Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area had been arranged for 6th March 2019 and that Councillors Edgcumbe Venning, Harper and Hill would be attending on behalf of the Town Council.
- b. Councillors reviewed the draft Place Plan in preparation for the meeting. It was noted that some figures and terms required revision. A report on the meeting would be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting.

21) Shropshire Council Affordable Housing Newsletter

Councillors noted the Shropshire Council Affordable Housing Newsletter for January 2019 regarding Discount Market Sale Properties.

22) Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mary Webb Room at the Corn Exchange.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

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

23) Planning Enforcement

There had been no notification of new enforcement issues.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....