

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock at 6.15 pm on Tuesday, 7th January 2020

Present:

Cllr. Yvonne Holyoak, Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins, Cllr. Daniel Thomas, Cllr. Allan Walter and Cllr. Milner Whiteman

Town Clerk:

Trudi Barrett

1) Apologies

Cllr. Mary Hill - unwell

2) 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.

3) Dispensations

None requested.

4) Public Session

None.

5) Minutes

The minutes of a Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2019 were considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December be APPROVED and signed as a true record.

6) Planning Matters

The following PLANNING APPLICATIONS were considered:

19/05087/FUL Pump Cottage 19 Sheinton Street Much Wenlock	Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of roof light to rear roof slope. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED no objection.
19/05088/LBC Pump Cottage 19 Sheinton Street Much Wenlock	Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of roof light to rear roof slope affecting a Grade II Listed Building. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED no objection.
To be confirmed - Outline Former Ironbridge Power Station	Description to be confirmed. Outline application for 1000 homes, a new local centre to contain a mix of leisure, commercial, retail and health uses, a primary school, nature corridors, public open space and the re-use of the site's pump house to support either retail, community or river-based uses. This application was not available on the Shropshire Council website and so could not be considered.

The following planning DECISIONS were **NOTED**:

19/00860/VRA106 The Old Chapel, Stretton Westwood, Much Wenlock	Variation of Section 106 for planning application number 13/01696/FUL Decision: Refused
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19/02634/DIS 5/6 Old Cottages, Much Wenlock Road, Farley, Much Wenlock	Discharge of conditions 4 (external lighting), 5 (drainage) and 6 (bird/bat boxes) on planning permission 18/03911/FUL for the erection of a detached two storey annex building comprising gym, offices and art studio with first floor balcony following demolition of existing garage (amended description). Decision: Permission Granted
19/04802/LBC 40 High Street, Much Wenlock	Conversion of existing building to form 2no. dwellings together with erection of extensions affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Decision: Permission Granted
19/04801/AMP 40 High Street, Much Wenlock	Non-material amendment attached to planning consent 19/02696/VAR (19/00155/FUL). Decision: Permission Granted
19/04421/FUL 3 Mardol Terrace, Smithfield Road, Much Wenlock	Formation of vehicular access and parking to rear of building following demolition of wall fronting King Street. Decision: Refused

7. Shropshire Council Building Control

Members were pleased to note that two additional members of staff had been appointed to the Building Control team at Shropshire Council Building Control.

8. Ironbridge Power Station

- It was noted that Councillors Harper and Whiteman (Councillor Hill being unwell) and the Clerk would be attending a meeting of Town and Parish Councils with Harworth at the Power Station on 9th January 2020.
- There were no other issues arising.

9. Local Plan - Preferred Sites

Members noted the reply made to the letter dated 19th November 2019 from the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan Refresh Group.

10. Flooding issues

- It was noted that some clearing of drains and gullies in the town had been undertaken although there remained more to do.
- No update had been received from the Flood Group.
- There were no other flooding issues arising.

11. Climate Change and Sustainability

Members noted the proposed climate change awareness event being organised by a local resident on 5th February. No details of the programme were available. Councillors were keen to be involved and the Clerk was asked to obtain further information from the organiser.

It was noted that the Council had been approached by another local resident offering to speak to Councillors about climate change.

12. Shropshire Bus Project Newsletter

Members noted the Shropshire-Wide Bus Upgrade Project newsletter dated 10th December 2019. The Town Council had previously responded to consultation relating to this initiative. A number of 'Bus Champions' were in place to support the campaign to improve bus services in the county although there was currently no champion for Much Wenlock.

13. Street naming *

None received.

14. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

None received.

15. Footpath Diversion Orders*

Members noted correspondence received from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the (Footpath 52 (part) and Footpath 177 (part), Parish of Much Wenlock) Public Path Diversion Order 2011.

16. Road closures*

Members noted the following road closures:

Sunday, 16th February 2020: High Street and Wilmore Street closed 07.00 to 12.00

Monday, 17th to Tuesday, 18th February 2020: Wilmore Street closed 09.30 to 16.00

Purpose: Carriageway repairs and lining, footway resurfacing, installation of cast bollard, repainting bollards and refreshing lines.

17. Highways matters *

- a. Councillors were pleased that the repairs outlined in minute 16 above were due to be carried out. The Clerk was asked to check whether the pavement would be resurfaced or merely patched. It was felt that patching would not be effective.

It was noted that there was a tree surrounded by temporary fencing on Station Road and the Clerk was asked to check the reason for this with Shropshire Council and to establish when any necessary work would be carried out.

It was noted that Councillor David Turner had enquired of Shropshire Council when the disused, bagged ticket machine in St Mary’s Car Park would be removed. He had also enquired why two bins had been removed from the car park, leaving the bases as trip hazards. A reply to both queries was awaited.

- b. It was noted that Shropshire Council had identified a location for the air quality monitoring device to be temporarily fitted at the Gaskell Corner and this was due to be installed imminently.
- c. It was noted that there had been no response from Environmental Maintenance at Shropshire Council to the request to clean the footpath in Station Road.
- d. It was noted that 37 Barrow Street had been cordoned off due to danger from falling masonry. This had been reported to Building Control at Shropshire Council as well as to the estate agent and solicitor handling the sale. Action was awaited from the responsible parties.

18. Tree Preservation Orders*

None received.

19. Stopping Up Orders*

None received.

20. Speed Limit Orders*

None received.

21. Prohibition Orders*

None received.

22. Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held at 6.15 pm on Tuesday, 4th February 2020 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 were no enforcement matters to hand.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....