



Minutes of a meeting of the
Planning and Environment Committee

held at Unit 2 West Centre Way
6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 26th November 2014

Present:

Cllr. Tony Proctor, Cllr. Alan Hussey, Cllr Richard Long,

In Attendance:

None

Clerk:

Sharon George

2014/097P Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2014/098P Apologies

Cllr. Darren Blackburn (attending alternative meeting as Parish Representative)
Apologies **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED**

2014/099P Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
		NONE	

2014/100P Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 28th October 2014 were **CONFIRMED**.

PROPOSED by Cllr. Long and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hussey

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

2014/101P Lawley Crossroads

Members raised concerns regarding the traffic & parking issues that they experience on a daily basis in the square and see first-hand at the junction on Birchfield Way and the main Lawley crossroads.

Updated information was received and we were advised by Mike Evans (TWC Highways) that:

- A TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) is to be put in place to enforce the no right turn into Birchfield Way
- Further signing & lining is to be put on the main carriageway on West Centre Way/Lawley Drive to assist drivers with directions. No U-Turn signage is to be installed on the main crossroads.
- Traffic signals & traffic flow is to continue to be monitored to ensure the correct sequencing on the traffic lights is in place.
- A review of the systems in place, that are designed to be efficient when the whole development is complete, will be carried out periodically

The parking issues on Birchfield Way were discussed in depth and it was raised that we feel 'it is an accident waiting to happen' with the current layout and usage and this is before we have buses using the road to serve the new residential areas rear of the Square. We experience double parking at various times of day and this combined with delivery vehicles, refuse lorries, contractors vehicles and pedestrians can cause chaos at certain times – especially lunch time periods and from 4.30pm onwards due to the number of eateries placed in the Square. It was also raised that the crossing points for pedestrians are also not clearly marked – a tactile area of paving is not sufficient as a designated crossing point and the location of the one at the top of the square is dangerous when vehicles are haphazardly parked blocking the sight line to cross and the one in front of the Parish office is dangerous with vehicles turning right into the square which pedestrians are not expecting.

Questions were asked regarding what the plans are regarding the parking bays and any yellow lining in the Square. We were advised by Guy Scott/Mike Evans that:

- The road area of the Square is not adopted by TWC as yet and it will be at least 12 months before this takes place.
- It was agreed that once the remedial works have been completed in the Square (Including the roadway continuing towards the residential areas) that an experimental TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) could be

looked at to limit the parking time allowed to 20 minutes or to make what limited parking is available as 'drop off' zones. It is unlikely that the Planners would allow yellow lining or white painted designated parking bays on the cobbled surface.

- The crossing points meet the required legislation and fit with the design codes for the Square

The Highways department at TWC had an invitation extended to them to come and see what does go on in the Square for themselves before making decisions as to the best way forward or before a serious accident occurs due to the issues that we have in the Square.

Members questioned a couple of the points regarding the TRO that is to be put in place to enforce the no right turn into Birchfield Way – this will be difficult for planned buses that will be serving the new residential areas behind Lawley Square as the alternative options will make serving the new houses more difficult- This question is to be raised with Highways by the Clerk.

Members questions why it will be another 12 months before Birchfield Road is adopted by the Council and any amendments to the traffic chaos made – again the Clerk is to ask that question of Highways.

The question of clearway signage on West Centre Way was also raised as it is not obvious that it is a clearway to drivers – request to know what signage is in place and where and to request additional signage to make drivers aware.

ACTION: Raise question of Bus route with Highways regarding the no right turn within the planned TRO/adoption of Birchfield Way/Clearway signage

2014/102P Parking restrictions in Caledonian Way

A copy letter was forwarded to the Parish from the Road Safety Group at Thomas Telford School for our information regarding a request to alter the existing TRO that is in place on this road. Members discussed the contents of the letter and as we will be consulted on any proposed changes to any TRO's in the Parish, it was decided that we would pass comments at the point of consultation.

2014/103P Wrekin View Public House Planning proposal

This proposal has not yet been registered with Planning Department and we were sent a pre advice from the architects. We did request that they attend this meeting as we already have concerns about the proposals but they were unable to attend. We have requested that they attend if possible in January so that we can share our concerns directly.

2014/104P PR Connect photo call

We have received a request from the develop group to attend a photo call highlighting their £500 contribution towards the History Trail. They have requested members to attend along with representatives from the entire builders group involved in the development. It is difficult for Members to attend during the day and we felt it should certainly be Cllr Blackburn that attends at least as acknowledgement of the work he put into the Trail. We will advise that Friday 9th January at 2pm may be suitable

2014/105P Planning Matters

Planning applications were discussed and comments submitted as the attached appendix to minutes.

Comments sent to TWC website

Planning decisions were **NOTED**

To consider the following:

2014/106P Footpath/Bridleway creation orders

NONE

2014/107P Footpath/Bridleway Diversion orders

NONE

2014/108P Highway Adoption Orders and other Highway notices

NONE

2014/109P Correspondence

NONE

2014/110P Agenda Items for Next Meeting

To be advised

2014/111P Date of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Planning & Environmental Committee will be held on **Tuesday 7th January 2015 commencing at 6.00pm at Unit 2 Lawley Square (This will be followed by a Full council meeting at 7.30pm)**

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed..... CHAIR

Dated.....