



Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee

held at Unit 2 West Centre Way
6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 27th January 2015

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Ralph Morgan (Clerk Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton Parish Council)
Sharon Morgan (Interested party re Assistant Clerk vacancy)

Clerk:

Sharon George

2014/124P Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2014/125P Apologies

Cllr Darren Blackburn (Illness)

Apologies Received & Accepted

2014/126P Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
		NONE	

2014/127P Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2015 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.

2014/128P Community History Day

The Clerk informed Members of a Community History Day to be held at Wellington Library on Saturday 7th March 2015 10am – 2pm and asked for a volunteer to attend/assist Cllr Blackburn in attending/setting up at the event to advertise the History Trail. The Clerk apologised that she would be unable to attend due to attending hospital for a procedure the day before so cannot commit to attending at this time. Cllr Tony Proctor volunteered to assist Cllr Blackburn on the day as he is very interested in the local history so will be happy to help set up and 'man' the exhibit portraying the History Trail.

2014/129P Winter Maintenance Schedule

A map showing the snow/ice events gritting routes for the Parish was shared with members to assist in identifying areas that are not currently on any schedule for gritting. Councillors identified Damson Drive at The Rock as an area that caused issues for many residents as this is the main link road that serves the whole estate and vehicles have problems gaining access to the main highway so needs putting on a schedule.

The slip road adjacent to the Lawley Primary school was also identified as needing gritting to assist the movement of school vehicles/pedestrians.

Further discussion will take place with Public Realm/TWS at the PET meeting tomorrow.

2014/130P Park Road Development

Planning application TWC/2014/0882 Land off Park Road/Royal Way

We learnt that the planning application for this development went forward for consideration at Planning Committee without any notification to any outside parties as should have been. We duly put in a formal complaint to the Planning authority and to date have not received a satisfactory response but have been promised a response to our complaint by 2nd February. We did receive an initial response from Michael Barker but felt that was unsatisfactory, as below:

This application was presented for determination as a matter of urgency as required under Section 100B (4), Local Government Act 1972. This action was approved by the Planning Committee and the application was considered and approved following a thorough discussion. The reason for the urgency was to enable the applicant (the Wrekin Housing Trust) to meet a tight government deadline for a significant grant that will provide essential financial support

for this important affordable housing project. There was no alternative to the action that Members took and approved that would have met the government timetable.

I trust that this explains the position and addresses your concerns and that you can accept that this was the only course of action that the Local Planning Authority could take.

We will be putting our concerns on the website for resident's information.

Below is the formal complaint sent to the local planning authority:

We are bitterly disappointed in the underhand way in which this application was brought to the attention of the Planning Committee on Wednesday 14th January as it was not on the agenda and NO notification of its inclusion was given to consultees/objectors that it would be considered. We were all denied the opportunity to make personal representation at the meeting because of the unprofessional manner in which it was handled. Had it have been on the agenda we would have put in a request to speak as we have very strong views, as recorded previously, about it going ahead as it stood. It appears that none of the objections from us, residents and indeed some TWC department officers were fully taken into account despite some of the conditions attached to the permission.

We feel very let down by these actions and feel that the good working relationship that was being built with Planning Department has suffered a serious setback.

We would like to know:

- Why it was deemed to be so urgent that it had to be heard on Wednesday and could not follow due process and appear on the next meeting agenda?*
- When was it decided and by whom that it had to go forward to that particular meeting?*
- Why were consultees/objectors not advised of the item going forward to Committee therefore denying them the opportunity to speak and denying the Planning Committee the opportunity to hear comments from them?*
- If the application was not going to be heard until the next Committee meeting how come the Officers reports and recommendations were ready for submission? How much notice did they have to compile this information for Committee?*

*Quoted on planning portal: "Please note that the **report, additional information and officer recommendation** is made available 5 working days before the planning committee meeting, as required by The Local Authorities (Access to Meetings and Documents) (Period of Notice) (England) Order 2002. "*

We feel that the consultation process and LA order has been breached on this occasion as no reports/additional information or officer recommendations were available or advised so would like to see an appeal to this decision made collectively for all concerned parties whereby their comments can be heard by the committee and due process followed.

We look forward to a considered response to this official complaint at your earliest convenience and dependent upon its content will consider what options may be available to us for a fair resolution to this matter for all concerned.

Members will be kept up to date with any developments in the interim period before the next meeting.

2014/131P 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:

2014/132P Footpath/Bridleway creation orders

Creation of Bridleway 136 – to be sent to Cllr Blackburn to add to the PROW map

2014/133P Footpath/Bridleway Diversion orders

Extinguishment of part of footpath 171 and Byway 16 - to be sent to Cllr Blackburn to delete from the PROW map

2014/134P

Highway Adoption Orders and other Highway notices

NONE

2014/135P

Correspondence

Correspondence received from:

- T&W regarding street names for phases 7 & 8 on the Lawley Development and as a matter of some urgency to assist in providing a road name that will serve the new school development. Members asked that the names below are put forward for consideration:

Junction Way (After the Severn Junction railway line which would have run in close proximity to the new school site)

Churchill Way (After Winston Churchill)

Picken Way (after Pauline Picken past Chairman of LOPC)

Bryce Way (After Leonard BRYCE Smith deceased local Councillor)

Heapstones Way (Taken from Tithe Map)

Peregrine Way (After past pupil of Lawley School/local businessman)

Additional names are to be supplied to the Clerk in due course for phase 7 & 8

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Agenda Items for Next Meeting

To be advised

2014/137P

Date of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Planning & Environmental Committee will be held on **Tuesday 24th February 2015 commencing at 6.30pm at Unit 2 Lawley Square**

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed..... CHAIR

Dated.....