



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 9th September 2020

Present: Councillors J Raywood, S Raywood, H Bowman and K Powell

In attendance: Town Clerk, D Hill

Also present: two observers and one member of the public

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 19:02.

P.20.118 Welcome and a reminder of how the meeting will be conducted.

After it was established that everyone present could hear everyone else, the chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was explained that, in the event of a loss of connection, everyone should try to reconnect as soon as possible. If this could not be achieved within 10 minutes then the meeting would be deemed to have been adjourned and would be reconvened on another occasion.

P.20.119 To receive apologies for absence

None

P.20.120 To receive declarations of interest

Item 12 – the Town Council is the applicant, so this committee will submit a response to the effect that it has no opinion to offer.

Item 18 – Cllr S Raywood is a licentiate member of the Royal Town Planning Institute

P.20.121 To receive and consider requests for dispensations

None

P.20.122 Public participation *(to provide members of the public/press with the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda or raise items for future consideration. In accordance with Standing Orders this will not exceed 12 minutes in total and 3 minutes per person)*

None



P.20.123 To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th August 2020

Proposed by Cllr. H. Bowman, Seconded by Cllr. S. Raywood
It was **resolved** to **approve** the minutes

P.20.124 To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes – for information only

P.20.114 – the committee’s responses to the Ashchurch Rural Parish Neighbourhood Plan Consultation have been submitted.

P.20.125 To note correspondence

TTRP representatives, Cllrs J Raywood, S Raywood and C Cody were invited to a briefing meeting with Tewkesbury Borough Council, which took place on Monday morning. The briefing was essentially concerning the spending of grant money, of EU origin, to help recovery in the town centre, in the wake of the Covid 19 lockdown. The news was very disappointing and there is a distinct possibility that some of the money will have to be returned, unspent. The grant (£85,000) must be spent in three ways –

- Communication with the public to build confidence and inform on how to use current measures
- Promotion to businesses about employing safe trading measures
- Measures to enable social distancing in the town centre

At the previous TTRP briefing, several members highlighted the issue of people living in the southern part of the town, in particular, have no safe way to get to the High Street because the pavements on Church Street and Barton Street and the at the southern end of the High Street are too narrow and there is too much traffic to enable safe use of the road by pedestrians. The Borough was asked to investigate ways of improving this situation and consult traders and shoppers on a range of different options. In the event, the Borough decided that their investigations had produced no conclusive evidence to support taking this line of enquiry further.

P.20.126 Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of side extension and replacement garden fence

Planning Application
121 Canterbury Leys Newtown Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8BP
Ref. No: 20/00704/FUL

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/QEBKRGQDJPD0H	Mon 17 Aug 2020	Mon 07 Sep 2020
Observations:		
No objection		



P.20.127 Erection of an annexe.

Planning Application

15 Wellfield Newtown Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8BY

Ref. No: 20/00673/FUL

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/QDWRCUQDJLW11	Tue 18 Aug 2020	Tue 08 Sep 2020
Observations: No objection, subject to the application being for an ancillary building to the main house. The Town Council notes that there is no accompanying application form on the Portal.		

P.20.128 Crown reduction to 3 x Hornbeam trees up to 2-3m to give an overall rounded shape.

Planning Application

Tesco Stores Ltd Bishops Walk Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5LS

Ref. No: 20/00788/TCA

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/QFKBUJQDJYX05	Wed 26 Aug 2020	Wed 09 Sep 2020
Observations: No objection. The advice of the Town Council's tree warden is that the trees should have their crowns reduced, but by no more than 2m in the first instance, with a further reduction of 1m, if desired, in the following year. This work should not be carried out until January or February 2021, when the leaves are off and the sap has died down. Otherwise the trees may bleed after the work has been carried out.		

P.20.129 Reinstatement of Moorings to the West of Priors Court

Planning Application

Moorings West Of Priors Court Back Of Avon Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5US

Ref. No: 19/00144/FUL

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/PMR884QD0IU00	Thu 20 Aug 2020	Thu 10 Sep 2020
Observations: The Town Council is the applicant here so it has no comment to make.		



P.20.130 Installation of a dropped kerb creation of parking area

Planning Application
 21 Barton Road Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5QJ
 Ref. No: 20/00717/FUL

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/QEJ4Y1QDJQV09	Mon 24 Aug 2020	Mon 14 Sep 2020
Observations: No objection, subject to the opinion of Gloucestershire County Council Highways.		

P.20.131 Retrospective external alterations to main building and erection of perimeter fencing and access gates. Proposed external works to main building including insertion of 5no. louvre grilles, plus installation of cycle storage. Proposed repositioning of the replacement external temporary shed unit and the reconfiguration of the car park and other associated works (as permitted in application 18/01205/FUL).

Planning Application
 Unit 1 Plot 5500 Shannon Way Tewkesbury Business Park Tewkesbury Gloucestershire
 GL20 8SF
 Ref. No: 19/00859/FUL

(Reconsultation - previous response given 26/11/2019)

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/QF9IPPQD0IL00	Tue 18 Aug 2020	Tue 15 Sep 2020
Observations: No objection		

P.20.132 Land at Bow Farm, Bow Lane, Ripple, Worcestershire

Proposed extraction of sand and gravel with restoration using site derived and imported inert material to wetland, nature conservation and agriculture (**cross-boundary application**)
 Further Information (Regulation 25)
Application Ref: 19/000048/CM

(Reconsultation - previous response given 11/12/2019)

Observations: Given that there are weight restrictions, both on the Mythe Bridge and in the centre of Tewkesbury, the Town Council considers that its objections have been addressed satisfactorily, so long as lorries to and from the site do not travel through Tewkesbury.



P.20.133 To note any additional information on the Planning Portal regarding applications to which this committee has already responded, and agree further actions

None

P.20.134 To note any additional applications on the Planning Portal which will expire before 23rd September 2020 and agree further actions

None

P.20.135 To discuss progress in responding to the Government's proposed white papers: Changes to the Planning System, Planning for the Future, Transparency and Competition, and agree further actions

The Working group has met twice and has agreed a response to the first white paper. This will be brought to the attention of Full Council on 15th September, so that any necessary adjustments can be made before the deadline submission date of 17th September.

Cllrs. J and S Raywood have formulated responses to the second white paper, which will now be circulated to all committee members, for their comments at the next meeting, on 23rd September.

The third white paper is about the registration of land ownership and of restrictions on land, such as rights of pre-emption, land options and other contractual arrangements. It really needs the attention of someone with some expertise in this field if we are to produce a meaningful response. The Town Clerk will consult with other large parish and town councils in Gloucestershire at a meeting next week.

P.20.136 To note the decisions made in July and August, in respect of planning applications to Tewkesbury Borough Council

Noted

P.20.137 To receive an update on recent email correspondence to MP Laurence Robertson and to agree further actions

Mr Robertson agreed to a Zoom meeting, which took place yesterday and was attended by himself and two assistants, the Town Clerk and Cllrs. J Raywood, S Raywood, H Bowman, P Aldridge and K Brennan.

It was a very positive meeting, at which Mr Robertson agreed with many of the points we were making. He said he has been engaged in discussions with the Secretary of State and will continue to do so, making the case for the identification of housing need within the Borough to take account of the over-delivery of houses that has happened in recent years and the pressures caused by the duty to cooperate and the JCS. He said that he continues to make the case for consideration of Tewkesbury's particular circumstances regarding flood risk, infrastructure at or near capacity and historic heritage.



The committee was very encouraged to hear Mr Robertson say that he has formed a group with other MPs whose constituencies lie alongside the River Severn in order to work together on common issues.

He has indicated that he will be pleased to have a copy of the Town Council's response to the white papers, to inform his own discussions in Westminster.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:26

Signature of chairman

Date