



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Present: Cllrs. J Raywood, S Raywood, H Bowman, R Gurney, P Jones, P Aldridge, A Hayes, Mr R Maggs, Mr R Carey

In attendance: 1 member of the public

MINUTES

P.22/23.273 Welcome.

The meeting started at 7.31 The chairman welcomed all present and ensured that any necessary introductions were made.

P.22/23.274 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr C Danter

Cllr S Raywood – may be late due to work commitments

P.22/23.275 To receive declarations of interest

Cllrs J and S Raywood – item 10 (P.22/23.282)– neighbours to the site, but there is no pecuniary interest. Councillors considered it acceptable for them to remain in the meeting for this item.

Cllr S Raywood – item 17 (P.22/23.289)– DPI employee of the Planning Inspectorate

P.22/23.276 To receive and consider requests for dispensations

None

P.22/23.277 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)*

The member of the public commented that it was pleasant to see a greater number of councillors taking an interest in planning. He also remarked on the application from Lloyds Bank to construct a ramp to improve access for disabled people, and asked whether the Town Council would consider constructing an access ramp to the Town Hall.

P.22/23.278 To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th January 2022

Proposed by Mr Maggs and seconded by Cllr Gurney

It was resolved to **approve** the minutes.

P.22/23.279 To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes – for information only
None that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

P.22/23.280 To note correspondence

Regarding the proposal to install a ramp at Lloyds Bank an email was sent to TBC to complain that the relevant applications had not been placed in the Town Council's in-tray and also that the Town Council had not received any neighbour notification either. The procedural unfairness of not allowing the Town Council to respond to these applications was made clear. Notices have now been posted in the High Street and the applications have been made available so that they can be discussed this evening.

The email to TBC also pointed out that, recently, there appear to have been no neighbour notifications regarding a number of applications in and around Lincoln Green Lane. There has been no response to this.

(Cllr S Raywood arrived at this point – 7.44pm)

Tewkesbury Borough Council has been invited to make a presentation to the Town Council regarding the risk assessments (including for floods) that will be carried out as part of the planning process for the Garden Town and the JSP. Sandra Ford, the Head of Development Services will attend the Full Council meeting on 13th March, along with Ian Bowen, from the Garden Town team with a presentation, covering issues such as timing, budgeting and, most importantly, scoping.

P.22/23.281 Demolition of an existing detached garage and construction of a new single storey attached garage.

Planning Application

35 Abbots Road Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5TE

Ref. No: 22/01351/FUL

Observations:

No objection

P.22/23.282 Restoration of playing surface to school playing field, involving improved drainage, removal of tipped material and associated leveling and reseeding. Establishment of perimeter hedging, repair/replacement of all weather cricket square and provision of all weather pitch on previously surfaced area.

Planning Application

Orbis Abbey Rose Gloucester Road Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 7DG

Ref. No: 22/01297/FUL

Observations:

The Town Council wishes to be assured that the houses alongside the northern ditch will not be affected by excess water run-off, caused by the new drainage arrangements. A technical drawing, with details of the drainage arrangements would be appreciated. It would also ask that the current route of the of the footpath immediately to the east of the site has been consented. The Council is keen to ensure that the carbon footprint of the site is not increased, so it welcomes the proposal to enhance the biodiversity of the boundary areas.

P.22/23.283 **Erection of a single storey side and rear extension**
Planning Application
21 Theocs Close Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5TX
Ref. No: 22/01246/FUL

Observations:
No objection

P.22/23.284 **External disabled ramp with alterations to pavement /Highway to provide ease of access into Lloyds Bank Building**
Planning Application
19 High Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5AW
Ref. No: 22/01296/FUL

Observations:
Objection
The Town Council requires more detailed information about this proposal. There is a marked lack of dimensions on the drawing, so it is difficult for us to see whether or not the proposed ramp complies with DDA requirements and also how much parking would be lost. The step at the end of the ramp particularly gives rise to concern that blind and partially-sighted people may fall. The Town Council sympathises with the need to provide disabled access, and we would like to work with the applicant to provide an accessibility facility that would benefit both organisations.

P.22/23.285 **Proposal of new external ramp with pavement alterations and widening of entrance and inner lobby door.**
Planning Application
19 High Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5AW
Ref. No: 22/01295/LBC

Observations:
Objection
The Town Council requires more detailed information about this proposal. There is a marked lack of dimensions on the drawing, so it is difficult for us to see whether or not the proposed ramp complies with DDA requirements and also how much parking would be lost. The step at the end of the ramp particularly gives rise to concern that blind and partially-sighted people may fall. The Town Council sympathises with the need to provide disabled access, and we would like to work with the applicant to provide an accessibility facility that would benefit both organisations.

P.22/23.286 **Erection of a single storey rear extension.**
Planning Application
Watendlath Old Manor Lane Mitton Tewkesbury Gloucestershire
Ref. No: 22/01366/FUL

Observations:
No objection

P.22/23.287 To note any additional applications on the Planning Portal which will expire before 8th February 2023 and agree further actions

None

P.22/23.288 To note any additional information on the Planning Portal regarding applications to which this committee has already responded, and agree further actions

None

Councillor S Raywood left the meeting at this point.

P.22/23.289 To make further observations on the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill consultation (ultimate deadline for responses 2nd March 2023)

Following discussion, the committee was able to agree the responses to 14 of the 58 questions. Since there is so much still to do, it was agreed to meet remotely next Wednesday to complete this work, so that it can be approved on 8th February for submission to Full Council on 13th February.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.33pm.

Chairman's signature

8th February 2023