



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 11th January 2023

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

In attendance: no members of the public

MINUTES

P.22/23.256 Welcome.

The meeting commenced at 7.38pm. The chairman welcomed all present and ensured that necessary introductions were made.

P.22/23.257 To receive apologies for absence

Mr R Carey

P.22/23.258 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr S Raywood – item 17 – employed by the Planning Inspectorate

P.22/23.259 To receive and consider requests for dispensations

None

P.22/23.260 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.22/23.261 To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21st December 2022

Proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Jones

It was resolved to **approve** the minutes, subject to the correction of two small typographical errors.

P.22/23.262 To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes – for information only

None

P.22/23.263 To note correspondence

We have had a request for a pre-application meeting with Corbally (owners of the Healing Mill site) including a presentation from their structural engineering consultant. This took place at 6.00pm this evening, here in the Town Hall.

The Town Clerk has received notification of a GCC Planning Committee meeting that will take place on Thursday 26th January. The email also contained a link to the committee report. The email will be circulated to all committee members. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact the Town Clerk.

P.22/23.264 2no. digital 75" LCD display screens, one each side of the Street Hub unit

Planning Application

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Ref. No: 22/01345/ADV

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P.22/23.265 Proposed installation of 1no. new BT Street Hub, incorporating 75" LCD advert screens plus the removal of associated BT phone kiosks

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Pavement O/S 121 High Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5JU

Ref. No: 22/01347/ADV

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especially when flooding events make the centre of the town even less accessible to the residents of Priors Park than normally.

We believe also that a modern hub might attract more use in Queens Road than the current phone box does, because of the improved facility it would provide. There is also plenty of footfall around there, as it is close to shops, a play park, a public noticeboard, a bus stop, a chapel and is on a bus route and main road through the area.

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P.22/23.268 Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. Formation of a new chimney to front elevation.

Planning Application

41 Knights Way Newtown Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8DY

Ref. No: 22/01082/FUL

Observations:

The Town Council objects to the inclusion of a fireplace and chimney for several reasons. Firstly, it would be out of character with the other properties in the area and secondly, it would not necessarily constitute an environmentally sound method of heating the house. The potential air pollution from burning fuel could constitute a nuisance to neighbours.

The town Council has no objection to the bedroom and wet room extension.

P.22/23.269 To note any additional applications on the Planning Portal which will expire before 25th January 2023 and agree further actions

T1: Ash Tree And Shrubs. Crownlift the ash tree by 5.2m to prevent impact damage to passing high-sided vehicles using the lane. To cut back encroaching shrubs back off highway to improve parking for members of public parking their cars at this location.

T2: Variety Of Species of Trees and Vegetation. To Crown lift all trees by 5.2m to prevent damage to passing high-sided vehicles using this lane and to remove hanging

branches and dead trees to improve safety. To cut back any encroaching vegetation back off the highway.

Planning Application

Verge Opposite Council Offices Lower Lode Lane Tewkesbury Gloucestershire

Ref. No: 23/00001/TCA

Observations:

The Town Council has no objection to the proposed works, except in respect of the black poplar trees. These are nationally recognised as rare species and may require National Tree Council approval.

P.22/23.270 To note any additional information on the Planning Portal regarding applications to which this committee has already responded, and agree further actions

None

P.22/23.271 To note the decisions made in December 2022, in respect of planning applications to Tewkesbury Borough Council

Noted

Cllr S Raywood left the meeting at this point.

P.22/23.272 To make initial observations on the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill and to agree a timetable for the preparation of a response to the current government consultation (ultimate deadline for responses 2nd March 2023)

Initial discussions have taken place and responses will be developed further at the next meetings on 25th January and 8th February before submission to Full Council on 13th February. Any final amendments to responses will be made on 22nd February, ready for submission in time for the deadline.

Key points under consideration:

- Important emphasis on the need for Planning Authorities always to have an up-to-date plan
- Removal of the need to restate the 5YHLS, so long as there is an up-to-date plan in place
- Possibility of including over-delivery of houses in previous years in 5YHLS
- Possibility of removing the duty to cooperate
- Proposal for National Standards on issues such as flooding
- The removal of SPDs and replacement with Supplementary Documents
- Emphasis on timely delivery of local plans (30 months)
- Emphasis on greater consultation
- Emphasis on NDPs
- No mention of the impact of AirBnB properties and second homes.

A document containing some preliminary draft responses will be circulated to committee members for analysis and further development/amendment.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22pm

Chairman's signature

25th January 2023