



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Present: Cllr. Joanne Raywood, Cllr. Simon Raywood, Cllr. Hilarie Bowman, Cllr. Paul Jones and Mr Richard Carey

MINUTES

P.22/23.329 Welcome.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7.34pm by welcoming all present and ensuring that any necessary introductions were made.

P.22/23.330 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Hayes

Post-meeting note: after the meeting JR received an email of apology from Mr Maggs, which had been sent, but not received, prior to the start of the meeting.

P.22/23.331 To receive declarations of interest

None

P.22/23.332 To receive and consider requests for dispensations

None

P.22/23.333 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.22/23.334 To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2022

Proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Jones
It was resolved to **approve** the minutes.

P.22/23.335 To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes – for information only

The Assistant Town Clerk has submitted our response the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. Our response ID is ANON-1R1Y-URPV-T.

P.22/23.336 To note correspondence

Email from Tewkesbury Civic Society – they have noted that Wychavon has joined forces with business owners and the Vale of Evesham Civic Society to help improve the character of the historic area of Evesham.

Many businesses in Port Street in Bengeworth and in High Street have been using vinyl advertising graphics to cover shop windows to allow them to maximise display space available in their premises.

However, the vinyls are not only a breach of Town and Country Planning Advertising Regulations, they also break Wychavon's planning guidance on the design of shop fronts. Concerns were also raised by the Vale of Evesham Civic Society that the character and feel of the area was being changed by the increasing use of such graphics.

Wychavon's Planning Enforcement team has been working closely with shop owners to help them understand the regulations but also how they can make better use of their shop windows to appeal to customers and make their business more inviting. This has included advice on shop layout and how to make best of space.

As a result, several advertising vinyls have been removed, many from listed buildings of historical significance, which have helped to improve the appearance of the area.

From TBC – Press release –

£300,000 awarded to Tewkesbury Borough Council to modernise its digital planning software

Tewkesbury Borough Council has been awarded £300,000 from the government's department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) following a successful bid to its Planning Software Improvement Fund.

The funding will be used to help develop and implement a new digital planning service, called Plan X, that simplifies the planning process for residents and planning applicants.

Plan X, which is still being developed, helps homeowners find out whether the work they want to do requires planning permission. Previously, this process involved time consuming research across multiple documents. Making the process easier to understand and providing upfront information on requirements will also reduce the number of invalid applications submitted.

Tewkesbury Borough is one of the fastest-growing districts in the country – and the borough council recognises the demand that this growth will have on its services. It is anticipated that making the planning process easier will help to reduce the number of general enquiries and invalid planning applications being submitted and free up local planning officers' time to work on complex planning decisions.

P.22/23.337 Installation of replacement signs to include: 1x post mounted pictorial signs with 2 amenity boards, 1x set of individual letters, 1x amenity board, 1x door plaque, 1x transom sign with lantern, 2x post mounted panels to existing posts, 2x disclaimer signs and 2x set of sign written text.

Planning Application

Canterbury Inn Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8BT

Ref. No: 23/00004/ADV

Observations:

No objection

P.22/23.338 Alterations and maintenance proposals including to front door, left and right bays plinths, redecorate front windows, repairs to parapet wall (top 7 courses).

Planning Application

17 Barton Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5PP

Ref. No: 23/00151/LBC

Observations:

No objection

P.22/23.339 Internal modifications to 156 High St. and 1 Barton St. to reinstate separate accommodation with revised rear access. New shop front to 1 Barton St. to replicate original arrangement. Modification to corner shop front to 156 High St. to remove the recessed entrance.

Planning Application

156 High Street & 1 Barton Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire

Ref. No: 23/00126/LBC

Observations:

The Town Council would like clarification with regard to storage for waste bins and bicycles. Apart from that, the Town Council is content with the proposals.

P.22/23.340 Proposed front garage extension and alterations.

Planning Application

74 Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8BX

Ref. No: 23/00124/FUL

Observations:

No objection

P.22/23.341 Replacement of a rear external door.

Planning Application

11 North East Terrace East Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5NT

Ref. No: 23/00080/LBC

Observations:
No objection

P.22/23.342 Installation of one externally illuminated sign and one externally illuminated projecting sign.

Planning Application
Barclays Bank 133 - 134 High Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5JR
Ref. No: 23/00189/ADV

Observations:
The Town Council concurs with the opinion of the Conservation Officer.

P.22/23.343 Demolition of existing outbuilding. Erection of a single storey front extension

Planning Application
The Hives Trinity Walk Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5NP
Ref. No: 23/00131/FUL

Observations:
No objection

P.22/23.344 To note any additional applications on the Planning Portal which will expire before 22nd March 2023 and agree further actions

None

P.22/23.345 To note any additional information on the Planning Portal regarding applications to which this committee has already responded, and agree further actions

None

P.22/23.346 To note the decisions made in February 2023, in respect of planning applications to Tewkesbury Borough Council

Noted

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.26pm

Chairman's signature

22nd March 2023