



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 18th October 2023

Present: Cllrs. J Raywood, S Raywood, A Hayes, P Jones, Mr R Maggs and Mr R Carey

MINUTES

- P.23/24.243 Welcome.**
The Chairman welcomed everyone present when the meeting opened at 7.33pm.
- P.23/24.244 To receive apologies for absence**
None
- P.23/24.245 To receive declarations of interest**
Cllr S Raywood – item 11 DPI – employed by the Planning Inspectorate
- P.23/24.246 To receive and consider requests for dispensations**
None
- P.23/24.247 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.23/24.248 To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th October 2023**
Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Hayes
It was resolved to **approve** the minutes.
- P.23/24.249 To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes – for information only**
Re. **P.23/24.010** - There has been no further information forthcoming on 23/00287/LBC.
Re. **P.22/23.392** - There has been no further information forthcoming on 22/00462/LBC.
Five town councillors attended a workshop on the Garden Town at the Borough Council offices on 11th October . The mood of the meeting was considerably more

positive than at previous meetings that were held prior to 2020 and many assurances were given that we would be listened to.

P.23/24.250 To note correspondence

The Town Council has received confirmation from TBC of TPO 415 for two individual oak trees and a group of oak trees at Tewkesbury Park.

P.23/24.251 To receive the Borough Councillor's report (if applicable)

Cllr Bowman could not attend to give a report in person but gave a verbal report to the chairman earlier in the day. Tewkesbury Borough Council has lost another appeal case due to its lack of an adequate Five-Year Housing Land Supply. A statement will be issued shortly.

P.23/24.252 Single-storey rear extension to dwelling

Planning Application

15 Tretawn Gardens Newtown Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8EF

Ref. No: 23/00854/FUL

Observations:

No objection

P.23/24.253 To consider what issues the Council needs to raise with the Planning Inspector, with respect to the South Worcestershire Development Plan, bearing in mind that our response to the Regulation 19 consultation, that was submitted in December 2022, will be considered as part of the evidence base

[South Worcestershire Development Plan Review | Local Plan Examination Services \(localplanservices.co.uk\)](#)

As a consultee, the Council can engage with the review process, either verbally or by a written submission. Both forms of submission carry equal weight but a written submission has the advantage of being able to convey the majority view of the council, in a form of words agreed by the Council. The chairman recommended that the Council should make its submission in written format. Any individual councillor may, of course, make their own submission, either verbal or written, but in doing so should make it clear that in doing so they are not speaking on behalf of Tewkesbury Town Council.

The Town Council has already submitted a detailed response to the Regulation 19, but since that date it has consulted a hydrology consultant regarding current proposals for the site east of Bredon Road, which forms a part of the SWDP. The Hydrologist's report highlights the importance of maintenance of SUDs and other alleviation measures. The Town Council's submission could therefore focus on the need to ensure that measures will be in place to enable a sustainable plan for maintenance to be carried out, with assured adequate funding and a durable organisation to organise and carry out the work.

An initial draft response will be prepared and circulated amongst committee members, so that a final draft response can be agreed by the committee on the 1st

November, following a meeting with the hydrologist on 30th October, and presented to Full Council for approval on 13th November.

P.23/24.254 To consider recent correspondence concerning the future of cemetery provision in Tewkesbury, particularly in respect of the proposed garden town, and to determine next steps

Councillor J Raywood reported that, at last week's workshop on the Garden Town, she raised this correspondent's concerns, so it is now recorded as something that needs to be thought about. The ensuing discussion at the workshop raised the observation that cemeteries cannot be situated in locations where the highest anticipated groundwater level is less than 1m below the base of the graves. (HM Government guidance on protecting groundwater from human burials: October 2023) How many locations in Tewkesbury are therefore suitable for the purpose? Perhaps the most suitable elevated sites in the parish are currently subject to applications to build housing.

As the Town Council, like all parish councils, is a burial authority, this issue will be brought to the attention of Full Council, to see how they wish to proceed further.

P.23/24.255 To note any additional information on the Planning Portal regarding applications to which this committee has already responded, and agree further actions

None

P.23/24.256 To note any additional applications on the Planning Portal which will expire before Wednesday 1st November 2023 and agree further actions

None

P.23/24.257 To note the decisions made in September 2023, in respect of planning applications to Tewkesbury Borough Council

Noted

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

Chairman's signature

1st November 2023