



# TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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

**In attendance:** Mrs N Finnegan (Finance), 2 members of the public, including Mr Beswick

## MINUTES

**P.24/25.122 Welcome.**

The chairman welcomed all present and ensured that introductions were made when the meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

**P.24/25.123 To receive apologies for absence**

None

**P.24/25.124 To receive declarations of interest**

H Bowman – Tewkesbury Borough Councillor – item 10

**P.24/25.125 To receive and consider requests for dispensations**

None

**P.24/25.126 To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

It should be added to the minutes that the committee received a Borough report to the effect that a map of TBC assets is now available.

Subject to that addition, proposed by Cllr S Raywood and seconded by Cllr Bowman It was resolved to **approve** the minutes

**P.24/25.127 To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes – for information only**

**P.23/24.375** – Accessibility project – ongoing

**P.24/25.024** – click and collect point – Cllr Hayes has received a response to his complaint, to the effect that it has not been upheld. However, a retrospective planning application has now been received by Tewkesbury Borough Council.

**P.24/25.097** – A meeting with the TBC enforcement team and Civic Society has taken place. The amount of unpermitted development in the town centre has been significantly reduced. An NMA application has been received regarding the window details at the Maltings, but has not yet passed through the validation process.

**P.24/25.104** – no further response at this time

**P.24/25.128 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.24/25.129 To note correspondence**  
None that is not addressed elsewhere during the meeting

**P.24/25.130 To receive the Borough Councillor's report (if applicable)**  
New Borough policies on woodland and trees are emerging.  
In 2023 TBC received a rating on its environmental status, through the 'Council Score Cards' and attained a score of 27%. It is understood that this score would have been higher, had the Borough as a whole entity been taken into consideration, rather than just the Borough Council itself.

**P.24/25.131 To receive an update on Healings Mill and to agree further actions**  
The committee considered six drawings that are in the Planning Authority's possession but which have not made their way into the public part of the planning portal. These were made available to us on the chairman's request, by the architect, Mr Beswick, who answered the committee's questions.  
Committee members are of the opinion that all outstanding concerns regarding waste bin locations and flood defences have now been answered to their satisfaction. They are also in agreement with the Environment Agency that the displacement of 8<sup>3</sup>m flood water in Red Lane can be conditioned, subject to mitigation for this on the island site.  
It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Jones that a letter be written to Tewkesbury Borough Council's Chief Executive, Alistair Cunningham, senior planners Nick Bryant and Catherine Ashby, plus the appointed planning officer for **Redevelopment of former Healings Mill Offices, demolition of no3 Quay Street and erection of 3 apartments and 3 townhouses, and refurbishment of no4 Quay Street for 3 apartments.**  
4 Quay Street Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5BE  
Ref. No: 23/00559/FUL.

The letter will provide the committee's response to the drawings and affirm that we have no objection to the proposed development. It will also urge the Borough to expedite the determination of the application, which has now been in process for 64 weeks, when it should have been determined within 26 weeks. The committee will remind the Borough how important the development of this site is to the people of Tewkesbury town, not only in an emotional sense, but also to their economic well-being and the physical health and safety of their young people.

The committee will also seek to host a public meeting in the Watson Hall on the future of Healings Mill, with a presentation from the architect and developer and opportunities for other interested parties to speak. Mrs Finnegan will provide the chairman with potential dates and costs.

Mr Beswick left the meeting at 8.10pm.

**P.24/25.132 To respond to: TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER SCHEME: PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION ALTERATIONS IN ASSOCIATION WITH ON-STREET EV CHARGING ON HIGH STREET, TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**Observations:** No objection in principle, but several questions. What is the rationale for this location and will there be a further restriction such as 'Electric Vehicle only'. Why these spaces, when the size is very limited. Have GCC liaised with TBC regarding the plans to put EV spaces in the Spring Gardens carpark? What is the capacity/voltage of the charger? Would 4 hours be enough time for a full charge.

**P.24/25.133 To note any additional information on the Planning Portal regarding applications to which this committee has already responded, and agree further actions**

None

**P.24/25.134 To note any additional applications on the Planning Portal which will expire before Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and agree further actions**

None

**P.24/25.135 To agree amendments to the Planning Committee's Forward Plan**

The first aim, to be more welcoming, will be amended to include streaming, for which a change in the law is not required. The committee will observe with interest the Borough's forthcoming experiments with the streaming of meetings.

There are also a few grammatical imperfections to correct. Subject to these changes, the committee approves its forward plan.

**P.24/25.136 To approve the payments list**

Total payments - £10,833.05

Proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Jones

It was agreed to approve the payments list

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman's signature

11<sup>th</sup> September 2024