



MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY, VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

PRESENT

Councillor Sarah Billett (Chair)
Councillor Rod Stanczyszyn (Vice Chair)
Councillor Paul Gittins
Councillor Michael Maher
Councillor Liz Davies
Councillor Heather Lacy

Administering responses: Kerry Smith, Administration Assistant

Meeting started at 7:01 PM

7819 Apologies

None received

7820 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

7821 Dispensations

None received

Public Question Time and Emails received

- None in attendance and no emails received.

7822 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 27th August 2020 were approved

7823 20/0496/FUL & 20/0497/LBC **Ground Floor, 3 - 4 Severn Side South, Bewdley, DY12 2DX**

Erection of chimney enclosure around existing flues

It was agreed to recommend **approval**.

Cllr Anna Coleman and Cllr Roger Coleman joined the meeting at 7:07PM.

7824 20/0613/LBC **62 Wyre Hill, Bewdley, DY12 2UE**

Erection of single storey rear extension to Grade II Listed Building

It was agreed to **defer** recommendation until a copy of the conservation officer's report has been received.

7825 20/0673/HOU & 20/0674/LBC **42 High Street, Bewdley, DY12 2DJ**

Single storey rear extension with basement and loft conversion and associated internal alterations.

It was agreed to recommend **approval**.

7826 20/0691/LBC **7B Severn Side North, Bewdley, DY12 2EE**

New sets of stairs a new ground floor toilet and minor changes to internal walls.

It was agreed to recommend **approval**.

7827 20/0697/HOU **31 Highclere, Bewdley, DY12 2EX**

First floor front extension to form bedroom, dressing room and En-suite.

It was agreed to recommend **approval**.

7828 20/0709/FUL **11 Severn Side South, Bewdley, DY12 2DX**

Subdivision of existing single dwelling into two dwellings.

It was agreed to **defer** recommendation until the LBC application has been received, as pointed about by the Conservation Officer, and suggested by the Case Officer managing the application.

7829 20/0727/HOU 11 York Road, Bewdley, DY12 2BN

Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension.

It was agreed to recommend approval.

7830 Representations

It was agreed that no representation will be made to the next Planning Committee in relation to any of the planning applications considered above.

7831 Planning Decisions Update

Noted.

7832 The Planning White Paper – Planning For The Future

It was agreed that individual members would complete the survey and forward to the office, for collation of comments, prior to the next full council meeting on 05/10/2020.

The Administration Assistant agreed to send out website links of various overview summaries of the proposed changes for committee members to view, and to assist their understanding in completing the survey.

7833 Items of Urgency or to Note for Future Meeting

(i) County Planning Matter; Application 20/000034/CN – Proposed development of an Energy and Resource Park

Location: Land to the rear (south and east) of Liberty Aluminium Foundry, Stourport Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 7QE

The Town Clerk had been forwarded a copy of the details of this application, as a neighbouring town, stating that Bewdley Town Council members could make comments on the application if they so wished, although not in the capacity as a 'consultee'.

It was agreed that individuals, if they wished to, would send their comments to the Administration Assistant by 15/10/2020. Comments will then be collated and forwarded to planning committee members before submitting a collective response to Steven Aldridge, Team Manager – Development Management, Worcestershire County Council.

(ii) Land on Ribbesford Road, B4194 (The Switchback):

Cllr Rod Stanczyszyn stated that he had noticed an additional appearance of a 'notice' on the fence at the location. He had not been able to view it, but felt that it did not resemble a planning application notice.

Cllr Roger Coleman shared with the committee the history of the issues

surrounding this site, as well as actions he had previously taken to move matters forward, all of which had been acknowledged and discussed at previous planning meetings.

Cllr Liz Davies expressed discontent over the lack of updates received from WFDC in relation to the site, despite continuation of illegal development without planning permission since 2019 to the present day. It was noted that the Administration Assistant had more recently written to the Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer, Kelley Walker, and Paul Round, Development Manager for Planning, requesting updates on the pursuance of an enforcement notice. There has been no recent response from Kelley Walker, and Paul Round has not replied on this matter at all. It was therefore agreed that a letter would be sent directly from the Cllr Sarah Billett, Chair of the Planning Committee, the content of which would be agreed alongside the Town Clerk and Cllr Liz Davies.

(iii) 20/0638/FUL - Blackstone Meadow Holiday Park, Stourport Road, Bewdley, DY12 1PU -Retrospective change of use of land and the stationing of up to 15 touring caravan pitches, including office building and associated works

Cllr Rod Stanczyszyn commented on the email received from case officer, Helen Hawkes on 02/09/2020, clarifying the meaning of the description 'change of use of land'. It was stated that the applicant needs to apply for a change of use of the agricultural land to use as a caravan site for the stationing of touring caravans. Cllr Rod Stanczyszyn felt that this contradicted the current use of the land as an Alpaca Farm, in other words, for agricultural use. It was therefore agreed that the Administration Assistant would write to Helen Hawkes, asking for clarification of how this could work. Would this essentially mean that the Alpaca Farm would cease to operate due to the change of use of land?

Cllr Sarah Billett proposed that this application should be included as a separate agenda item at next month's planning committee meeting, rather than being discussed within AOB. All committee members agreed.

Meeting Closed at 7: 56 PM

Signed.....
Chairman at Planning Committee
29th October 2020