



**MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 2nd AUGUST 2017 AT 6.30 PM IN THE GUILDHALL, BEWDLEY**

PRESENT

Councillor John Byng
Councillor Linda Candlin
Councillor Calne Edginton-White (Chair)
Councillor Mary Fishwick
Councillor Paul Harrison

In attendance:
Nick Farress, Town Clerk
Barbara Byng, Assistant Town Clerk
Six members of the public

- 7181 Apologies**
Apologies received from Councillor John Beeson, Councillor Gordon Yarranton and Councillor Roger Coleman.
- 7182 Declarations of Interest:**
None
- 7183 Dispensations**
None.

Public Question Time None.

- 7184 Minutes**
The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5th July 2017 were approved.
- 7185 17/0443/LIST** Proposed relaying of cobbles to rear of site
14 Kidderminster Road
Ms Joy McIntyre

It was agreed to recommend **approval**, with the recommendation that the installation of the cobbles is carefully monitored to ensure they are correctly re-laid.

7186 **17/0444/LIST** Loft conversion with new staircase and roof lights
1 Malthouse Row, Westbourne Street
Mr A Lynch

It was agreed to recommend **approval**, subject to any conditions the Conservation Officer may wish to impose

7187 **Representations**

It was decided that no representations will be made to the next Planning Committee meeting in respect of the applications considered above.

7188 **Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation**

The Chairman explained that Bewdley Town Council's response to this consultation has focussed on a local perspective and the responses gathered for the Neighbourhood Plan relating to future development plans. The Town Clerk confirmed that WFDC Planners have confirmed that this approach is acceptable as are open to new ideas and realise that a combination of options is the best approach, rather than a prescriptive A or B option.

The Chairman answered questions from Councillors Harrison and Byng relating to specific issues about the site at Highclere (now recommended to WFDC for removal) and the site at New Road. Maps from the draft Neighbourhood Plan illustrating the preferred sites were used as reference.

Councillor Fishwick expressed her opinion that no development anywhere should be supported, but it was explained that government pressure is being applied to all councils to identify potential development sites to reach their building targets.

The Draft Response collated by the Town Clerk was **agreed** by majority vote and will be sent to WFDC as the Town Council's official response.

7189 **Planning Decisions Update**

The present position on previous applications submitted was noted.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed.....
Chairman at Planning Committee
6th September, 2017