



**MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY, 2018 AT 6.00 PM IN THE GUILDHALL, BEWDLEY**

**PRESENT**

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

In attendance:  
Councillor Anna Coleman (Mayor)  
Barbara Byng, Assistant Town Clerk

- 7271 Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Coleman.
- 7272 Declarations of Interest:**  
None
- 7273 Dispensations**  
None.

**Public Question Time**

Councillor Anna Coleman provided a verbal report on matters related to application 17/0638/FULL. Details are included at the end of these minutes.

- 7274 Minutes**  
The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 were approved.
- 7275 17/0758/FULL** Alterations, roof extensions and rear extensions to enlarge dwelling house and provide additional accommodation in roof space  
Witchthorn, Patchetts Lane  
Mr & Mrs M Cook

It was agreed to recommend **approval** to the above proposal, subject to a site visit and investigation into the legality of the cutting and removal of trees on the site. The application clearly states that no trees will be removed on site to carry out the proposal.

**7276 17/0770/TREE** Yew Tree - prune and reshape by 2 metres all round and by height.  
11 March Grove  
Mrs L Grove

It was agreed to recommend **refusal** as the tree is subject to a TPO and insufficient information is available to provide an opinion as to the effect the proposed works would have on the tree. Expert opinion is required.

**7277 17/0782/TREE** 2 x English Yew – prune and reshape by 2 metres all round and by height  
13 March Grove  
Mr G Corner

It was agreed to recommend **refusal** as the trees are subject to a TPO and insufficient information is available to provide an opinion as to the effect the proposed works would have on them. Expert opinion is required.

**7278 Replacement Willow – Beales Corner**

An update provided by the Arboricultural Officer on the proposed replacement of the old weeping willow on the river bank near to Beales Corner which was removed as a result of significant storm damage to the crown was noted. Replanting has been halted due to various investigations required to identify land ownership and potential restrictions have arisen regarding a suitable replacement location. More investigations are to be undertaken by the Arboricultural Officer to ensure viability. This matter is therefore ongoing.

**7279 Representations**

It was decided that no representations would be made to the next Planning (Development Control) Committee of Wyre Forest District Council in relation to the two refused planning applications considered above. Both applications relate to expert opinion required from the Arboricultural Officer and final decisions will therefore be decided by the District Planning Authority.

**7280 Planning Decisions Update**

Noted.

*The meeting closed at 7.00 pm*

**Signed**.....  
Chairman at Planning Committee

**7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

**Public Period**

**Councillor Anna Coleman (Mayor of Bewdley)** provided details of concerns reported to her by several people who had observed two large tree trunks being rolled down from the area of Patchetts Lane onto the main highway of Dowles Road and loaded onto vehicles below. Traffic had been brought to a standstill while this took place. Descriptions and vehicle numbers of people involved have been obtained. From investigations she herself had undertaken, the tree felling is understood to have been made at Witchthorn, Patchetts Lane. The Committee was asked to request a report from the Planning Authority on this matter and for a site visit to be undertaken by the Arboricultural Officer.