



**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY, VIA ZOOM AND  
EMAIL ON THURSDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> JULY AT 7PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Sarah Billett (Chair)  
Councillor Paul Gittins  
Councillor Michael Maher  
Councillor Liz Davies

Sharon Hudson, Town Clerk

5 members of the public

**Administering responses:** Kerry Smith, Administration Assistant

Meeting started at 7:01 PM

**7793 Apologies**

Received from Cllrs Rod Stanczyszyn (Vice Chair) and Heather Lacy

**7794 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**7795 Dispensations**

None received

**Public Question Time and Emails received**

- A neighbour (51 Park Lane), also representing one other neighbouring resident (2 High Clere), objected to application **20/0489/FUL**, citing concerns that they believed the 45 degree rule had been breached and that the plans were not truly representative of ground floor levels between properties. An invite has been extended to the planning officer to attend and take appropriate measurements from their properties; at this point, there has been no response. It was suggested that the application be deferred until accurate measurements had been taken, or refused, if the submitted plans remain the same without clarification of accuracy.
- The applicant for application **20/0489/FUL** stated that in composing the plans, their architect had worked in communication with the planning officer. A compromise of decreasing the number of bedrooms requested in a previous application, from five to three, had been agreed. It was established, following further questioning by Cllr Sarah Billett, that measurements taken by the architect clarified no impeachment of the 45 degree rule, and that the new plans would not impact neighbours negatively by causing loss of light or overshadowing.
- A member of the Bewdley Civic Society asked that, whilst considering their recommendation, the planning committee members ensure they take into careful account the Conservation Officer's comments in relation to **20/0496/FUL & 20/0497/LBC**.

**7796 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were approved.

**7797 20/0463/TEL Communication Station, Cleobury Road, Bewdley**

Installation of 20 metre high telecommunications monopole with associated antennas and wrap around cabinets at base, and 3no.additional ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary works

It was agreed to recommend that the application should be **deferred**, until such time that the evidence can be sought by the planning officer from the applicant that there is a need, and therefore provide appropriate justification, for such an increase in height.

**7798 20/0489/HOU 49 Park Lane, Bewdley, DY12 2HA**

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and garage, including two storey and single storey rear extensions, removal of chimney breast, alterations to windows and enlargement of existing garage.

It was agreed to recommend **approval**.

**7799 20/0494/HOU The Oaklands, St Johns Lane, Bewdley, DY12 2QY**

Proposed single storey extension

It was agreed to recommend **approval**.

**7800 20/0496/FUL & 20/0497/LBC Ground Floor, 3 - 4 Severn Side South, Bewdley, DY12 2DX**

Erection of chimney enclosure around existing flue

It was agreed to recommend **refusal** following a list of extensive reasons provided by the Conservation Officer in his report.

The following material reason/s could therefore apply:

- Design, appearance and materials
- Effect on listed building and conservation area
- Hazardous materials

**7801      20/0512/HOU                      41 Welch Gate, Bewdley, DY12 2AT**

Erection of garden room; removal of existing timber shed; regularisation of levels to garden area; closure of existing access and provision of new timber fencing and new access to garden

It was agreed to recommend **approval**.

**7802    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.

**7803    Planning Decisions Update**

**Noted.**

**7804    Items of Urgency or to Note for Future Meeting**

Cllr Liz Davies requested that the Administration Assistant contact Wyre Forest District Council in relation to the previous request, on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, to implement an urgent enforcement notice to the owners of Land on Ribbesford Road, B4194 (The Switchback). The Administration Assistant confirmed that an acknowledgement had not been received and that a further email would be sent.

Cllr Sarah Billett ask the committee members if they were happy with the current organisation of the meeting with regard to the agreed use of the powerpoint slideshow if required. Cllr Liz Davies commented that she had not seen the slideshow during this meeting. The Administration Assistant verified that slides had been prepared for applications associated with the conservation area, and that the Chair, or any other committee member could have requested to view these slides at any point during the meeting.

Cllr Liz Davies also commented on the usefulness of the 'Case Officers' and Other Consultee comments' sheet collated by the Administration Assistant prior to each committee meeting.

Meeting Closed at 7:25 PM

**Signed**.....  
Chairman at Planning Committee  
27th August 2020