

# MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning & Environment Committee meeting held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock  
6 p.m. on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

## PRESENT:

Cllr. Bert Harper, Cllr. Mary Hill,  
Cllr. Paul Laming, Cllr. Milner Whiteman and Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins (arrived after the election of the Chair and Deputy Chair).

## MINUTE TAKER:

Cllr. Bert Harper (Town Clerk on annual leave)

### 1) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Milner Whiteman and SECONDED by Cllr. Bert Harper that Cllr. Mary Hill be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Mary Hill be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

### 2) ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Bert Harper and SECONDED by Cllr. Mary Hill that Cllr. Milner Whiteman be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Milner Whiteman be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

### 3) APOLOGIES

Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins arrived at the meeting at this point so all members of the Committee were present.

### 4) MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were APPROVED.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

### 5) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

### 6) DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

### 7) PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

### 8) PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning applications were considered:

<p><b>15/01591/FUL</b> <b>5 Farley Dingle, Much Wenlock Road,</b> <b>Farley, Much Wenlock, Shropshire</b> <b>TF13 6NX</b></p>	<p><b>Erection of a single storey link between dwelling and annex; including glass balcony at first floor. Erection of a first floor extension to existing annex.</b></p> <p>This application has been subject to discussion at the 30th April 2015 meeting and further information has been requested. No further information was available at this meeting and so the Committee felt they were unable to make any informed comment on this application.</p> <p>We do however again repeat that we believe that as this property is within a short distance of a designated main river and in a known designated Rapid Response Flood Catchment Area flood defence consent should be in place in relation to this application. A previous indicated undertaking that such Flood Defence Consents in the Much Wenlock catchment would be subject to close planning officer scrutiny, does not appear to be taking place.</p>
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<p><b>15/01623/FUL</b>  <b>10 Bull Ring, Much Wenlock,</b>  <b>Shropshire TF13 6HS</b></p>	<p><b>Erection of two-storey extension affecting a Grade 11 Listed Building.</b>  Much Wenlock Town Council object to this application:  We object under Objective 6 of Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan. The archaeological importance of the Bull Ring in which this proposed development is to be found cannot be over emphasized. It is without doubt a critical part of the Much Wenlock Conservation Area and as such warrants close protection and attention.  The potential infill will change this street scene irrevocably in what is one of the oldest and most important streets in the town. The proposed infill will take the balance of the Terrace away and the two-storey height proposed will completely obscure the view of the church from the Bull Ring. We consider such proposed interference with this unique street scene is unacceptable and contrary to adopt Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan in that does not respect the scale, style and setting of this historic townscape. It is unacceptable in design and scale to this locality.  We also note in particular the indication that the materials to be used would not be the material used in the original build due to the problem in now sourcing this material. We cannot accept this reasoning as a valid reason to alter from the present design and construction and this will clearly have a detrimental effect on the whole Bull Ring area.  The proposals appear out of keeping with the present street scene and we believe it to be contrary to Policy GQD2 under Object 6 Good Quality Design of the adopted Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan in particular:  “Be suitably designed for the context within which they are set”: (we note the comment about extending to take the accommodation into the 21st Century living standards but updating can be achieved in the present footprint without increasing the scale).  “Use traditional and vernacular building material where such treatment in necessary to respect the context of the development concerned”. The proposals appear contrary to the Policy.</p>
<p><b>15/01711/FUL</b>  <b>Former Sorting Office, St Mary’s Lane,</b>  <b>Much Wenlock, Shropshire</b>  <b>TF13 6HD</b></p>	<p><b>Conversion, of former sorting office to residential dwelling.</b>  Much Wenlock Town Council, have no objection to this application.</p>
<p><b>15/01742/FUL</b>  <b>Siena Homer, Much Wenlock TF13</b>  <b>6NL</b></p>	<p><b>Erection of detached garage, works to facilitate conversion of existing garage to residential accommodation including pitched roof link.</b>  Much Wenlock Town Council has no objection to this application.</p>
<p><b>15/02058/TCA</b>  <b>Holy Trinity Church, Bourton, Much</b>  <b>Wenlock, Shropshire TF13 6QH</b></p>	<p><b>To fell 1 Elder bush, reduce 2 Holly trees by 50% and fell one Laburnum stump within Bourton Conservation Area.</b>  It should be noted that the application is not for Bourton Church or Bourton Conservation Area but is actually Holy Trinity Church Much Wenlock and Much Wenlock Conservation Area. Details have been confused some how with Bourton.  The application is clearly for much Wenlock Church. The submitted plan indicates the Much Wenlock Guildhall on it.  Much Wenlock Town Council, have no objection to this application.</p>
<p><b>15/02040/FUL</b>  <b>Whitwell Cottage, Sheinton Road,</b>  <b>Much Wenlock, Shropshire TF13 6NP</b></p>	<p><b>Erection of first floor extension above existing garden room.</b>  Much Wenlock Town Council, have no objection to this application.</p>
<p><b>15/01850/FUL</b>  <b>Fox Studio, King Street, Much</b>  <b>Wenlock, Shropshire TF13 6BL</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed extension and conversion of existing studio building to form two residential units and one commercial unit.</b>  This application was received shortly before the meeting and it was agreed that this application would be considered at the next Planning and Environment Meeting, taking place on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.</p>
<p><b>15/01944/CPE</b></p>	<p>An application in relation to a Lawful Development Certificate was noted.</p>

The following **DECISIONS** were **NOTED**.

<b>15/01764/TCA</b> <b>3 Barrow Street, Much</b> <b>Wenlock, Shropshire</b>	<b>To fell a Cherry Plum tree within the Much Wenlock Conservation Area</b> No objection 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
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#### 9) PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION

Members received a response from Shropshire Council, concerning insufficient information being provided on its planning portal for planning applications.

#### 10) STREET NAMING

None received.

#### 11) FOOTPATH/BRIDLEWAY CREATION ORDERS

None received.

#### 12) FOOTPATH DIVERSION ORDERS

None received.

#### 13) ROAD CLOSURES

None received.

#### 14) TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

None received.

#### 15) STOPPING UP ORDERS

None received.

#### 16) SPEED LIMIT ORDERS

None received.

#### 17) PROHIBITION ORDERS

None received.

#### 18) TRAFFIC ISSUES

None received.

#### 19) CORRESPONDENCE

Members received information on the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan Schedule of Main Modifications is being published for a six week, consultation period from Monday 1 June until 5pm Monday 13 July 2015. It was agreed to take this forward to Full Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 and ensure that the Much Wenlock Flood Action Group Chair Robert Stuart was aware of this consultation.

#### 20) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

The meeting closed at 18.50pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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