

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 30th April 2024 at the Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock

Present: Councillors William Benbow, David Fenwick (in the chair), Wilfred Grainger (from minute 5), Dan Thomas, Chris Tyler, Linda West (from minute 5)

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Councillors Wilf Grainger and Linda West for late arrival due to attendance at the AGM of the Much Wenlock Windmill Trust.

2. 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.

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

Councillors Wilfred Grainger and Linda West joined the meeting.

5. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 9th April 2024 be **APPROVED** and signed as a true record.

6. Planning Applications

No new planning applications had been notified.

7. Planning Decisions

It was **RESOLVED** to note the following planning decisions:

24/00792/TCA Mary Way House, 7 St Mary's Lane, Much Wenlock	Reduce height by one third of 2no Cypress Leylandii (T6 & T7) within Much Wenlock Conservation Area Decision: Consent by Right – Trees
24/00732/FUL 11 The Crescent, Much Wenlock	Proposed single-storey extension. Decision: Grant Permission
24/01087/LBC 16 Barrow Street, Much Wenlock	Replacement roof (Retrospective) Decision: Refuse

8. Draft Shropshire Local Plan Review 2016 - 2038

Councillors noted that a notice from the Inspectors had been posted on the Examination website which laid out the timetable for additional consultation on selected matters, including the additional 1500 homes for the Black Country.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Review

- a. Members received an update on the review of the Neighbourhood Plan. The recent meeting of the Steering Group had been attended by Councillors Grainger and Tyler, as Councillors Benbow and Thomas had been unavailable. Work was moving forward on different objectives at varying rates. A drop box had been set up to allow all documents to be collated in one place. Good photos of valued viewpoints were required. David Turner would be responsible for external communications and liaise with the Town Council office. The consultant, Alison Eardley was putting together a skeleton of the whole Plan to help identify gaps more easily.
- b. Members noted that the Much Wenlock Design Codes prepared by AECOM had been signed off by Locality.

10. Flooding Matters

- a. The Strategic Flood Working Group reported that two proposals for further drainage work at Callaughtons Ash had been submitted for review by Shropshire Council.
- b. The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council's Drainage & Flood Risk Manager was following up contact with the Emergency Planning team regarding flood risk from a possible breach at Shadwell Quarry and contingency plans for Quality Liquid Feeds in order to elicit a response to the Town Council's enquiry.
- c. Members noted information provided by the Much Wenlock Flood Action Group about risks at and from Shadwell Quarry. **It was RESOLVED to submit a report to the Health & Safety Executive outlining the Town Council's and Flood Action Group's concerns about the potential collapse of the boundary wall and other risks at Shadwell Quarry.** Councillor Benbow offered to draft the report.
- d. There were no other flooding matters arising.

11. Transport and Highways Matters

Members received a report from the Transport Working Group. A further meeting to discuss the Gaskell corner proposals was scheduled with Shropshire Council and WSP for the week commencing 20th May. It was noted that the WSP feasibility report was still confidential.

Work on the signalised crossing for the A458 Bridgnorth Road was due to start on 23rd May. Agreed alterations to the speed limit on that road would be implemented at a later date.

Members noted that there had been a delay with the release of Shropshire Council parking proposals for the town and Councillor Thomas was asked to urge rapid progress.

12. Climate Change and Ecological/Nature Emergencies*

13. Street Lighting

14. Street Naming *

15. Footpath Issues*

16. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

17. Footpath Diversion Orders*

Members considered correspondence from Shropshire Council regarding the proposed diversion of Footpath 28 (part) and Footpath 31 (part) in the parish of Much Wenlock.

It was RESOLVED that Councillors had no objection to the diversion for Footpath 28 (part), Pheasantrey to Bourton Village, marked A-D on the map, to instead follow the route marked as A-B-C-E.

It was RESOLVED that Councillors had no objection to the diversion of Footpath 31 (part) marked C-D to follow the route marked C-B-D on the map. However, Councillors objected to the diversion route proposed for Footpath 28 (part) marked D to A on the map and suggested that the new route go from D and then skirt round Spoonhill Hall to the south to join the existing track from the Hall at its bend and to continue along this track to point A. This would avoid a convoluted route down to a north facing, boggy area which was not suitable for pleasure walking.

18. Road Closures*

Members noted the following road closures:

- a. Location: A458 Much Wenlock to Morville
Date/Time: 6th to 8th June 2024, Monday to Friday 20.00 – 06.00
Purpose: Multevo carriageway repairs to include kerbing, signposts and iron works. Completion of 250m² required. The works will be carried out in phases.
Agency: Shropshire Council
- b. Location: High Street, Much Wenlock
Date/Time: 15th June, 06.30 – 16.00
Purpose: 'Made in Shropshire' market
Agency: Much Wenlock Town Council

19. Tree Preservation Orders*

20. Stopping Up Orders*

21. Speed Limit Orders*

22. Prohibition Orders*

23. Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the date of the next meeting would be agreed at the Annual Town Council meeting on 16th May 2024.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act and due to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted it was **RESOLVED** that the public and press should not be present.

26. Planning Enforcement

Members noted correspondence from the Shropshire Council enforcement officer relating to enforcement matter 24/10161/ENF.

No other enforcement matters had been notified.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed.....(Chairperson)

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