

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 4th March 2025 at the Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock

Present: Councillors William Benbow, David Fenwick, Wilfred Grainger, Daniel Thomas, Chris Tyler.

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Councillor Linda West

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.

Councillor Tyler declared a pecuniary interest in applications 25/00259/ADV and 25/00269/LBC.

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

5. Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 4th February 2025 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following application and resolved to respond as noted:

25/00246/TCA Holy Trinity Church, Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock	Works to 13no Trees (See Schedule) within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objection.
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Having declared a pecuniary interest in the following applications, Councillor Tyler left the room.

25/00259/ADV The George And Dragon, 2 High Street, Much Wenlock	Signage and lighting It was RESOLVED no objection.
25/00269/LBC The George And Dragon, 2 High Street, Much Wenlock	Refresh signage It was RESOLVED no objection.

Councillor Tyler returned to the meeting.

25/00583/TCA 3 St Owens Drive, Much Wenlock	Fell 1no Lawson Cypress within Much Wenlock Conservation Area It was RESOLVED no objection.
25/00675/TCA 10 - 11 St Marys Lane, Much Wenlock	Fell 1no Norway Spruce within Much Wenlock Conservation Area It was RESOLVED no objection.

7. Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions to hand.

8. Farley Quarry

Members considered correspondence from Axis, on behalf of Cartwrights, regarding proposed development at Farley Quarry.

It was RESOLVED to thank the correspondent for updating the Town Council on progress with the prospective application for development at Farley Quarry and to await submission of the planning application, stating that Councillors anticipated a future site visit.

9. Draft Shropshire Local Plan Review 2016 – 2038

Shropshire Council had responded to the Planning Inspectors findings on 12th February 2025 and a reply was awaited from the Inspectors. No further progress would be made with the Review until a response was received from the Inspectors.

10. Neighbourhood Plan Review

A meeting of the Steering Group was scheduled for the following day when feedback from the public consultation would be discussed.

11. Flooding Matters

- a. The Strategic Flood Working Group had nothing to report.
- b. Members considered an update on the assessment of potential flood risk from Shadwell Quarry. They noted that representatives of the Environment Agency (EA) had visited Shadwell Quarry on 5th February and the Clerk had requested a copy of the report from the meeting.
- c. Other flooding matters:
 - replacement of an incorrectly fitted manhole cover in the High Street was still awaited.
 - the drain gulper would be visiting Much Wenlock on 19th March to target drains in the High Street, Wilmore Street, Queen Street and Back Lane.
 - Councillor Benbow was asked to convey comments on drainage at the Callaughtons Ash development to Shropshire Council's Drainage and Flood Risk Manager.
 - Councillor Thomas was asked to press Shropshire Council's Drainage and Flood Risk Manager for a written update on the use of DfT funds for flood alleviation on Bourton Road.

12. Transport and Highways Matters

Councillors received a report from the Transport Working Group. Councillor Tyler and the Council's transport consultant had attended a public consultation event for the Tasley Garden Village development, organised by the developers, Bloor Homes and Taylor Wimpey. The developers' transport specialist appeared to be unaware of the situation regarding the Gaskell corner and the Visum study previously carried out. It was noted that the Gaskell corner would be significantly impacted by the additional housing now proposed for Tasley Garden Village. Councillor Thomas had already spoken to the responsible highways officer at Shropshire Council regarding further monies from the extended development for work to the Gaskell corner.

It was noted that some elements of the proposed parking regulations scheme for Much Wenlock had been downgraded and details of the roads affected would be provided in due course.

13. Climate Change and Ecological/Nature Emergencies*

The Clerk reported that she had attended the 'Climate Fresk' workshop arranged by Plastic Free Wenlock and supported by the Town Council at the Priory Hall on 22nd February. There had been 10 participants at the event and two facilitators. The workshop had involved the participants setting out and discussing a collage of information cards to raise awareness of climate change, its causes and effects. The Clerk advised that a biodiversity Fresk could also be provided, and she had requested details.

A call for volunteers to join the new verge restoration working group had been included in the March edition of the Wenlock Herald

14. Street Lighting *

15. Street Naming *

16. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

17. Footpath Diversion Orders*

18. Road Closures*

Members noted the following road closures:

- a. Location: A458 Much Wenlock
Date/Time: Thursday, 20th – Friday, 21st March 2025, 20.00 – 06.00
Purpose: Remedial works to carriageway
Agency: Shropshire Council
- b. Location: Unnamed road between Homer & A4169
Date/Time: Monday, 28th April 2025, 9.30 – 14.30
Purpose: For safe access of underground structure for civils work for laying duct
Agency: Openreach
- c. Location: B4371 Stretton Road, Much Wenlock
Date/Time: Monday, 14th April – Tuesday, 15th April 2025, 9.30 – 16.00
Purpose: Remedial resurfacing works
Agency: Shropshire Council

19. Tree Preservation Orders***20. Stopping Up Orders*****21. Speed Limit Orders*****22. Prohibition Orders*****23. Date of Next Meeting**

Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Corn Exchange, High Street, Much Wenlock.

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.

24. Planning Enforcement

Members noted an update on enforcement matters. The Clerk was asked to pursue an enforcement matter with the responsible Shropshire Council planning officer.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed.....(Chairperson)

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