

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 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

None received.

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.

5. Minutes

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

6. Planning Applications

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

25/01056/FUL 5 Shrewsbury Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of single storey extension, replacement of all existing windows, refurbishment and re-tiling of roof, groundworks, creation of driveway and parking area following demolition of the store/garage It was RESOLVED no objection.
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7. Planning Decisions

Members noted the following planning decision:

25/00246/TCA Holy Trinity Church, Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock	Works to 13no Trees (see schedule) within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. Decision: Consent by Right - Trees
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8. Telford & Wrekin Local Plan Review

Members noted that the publication version of the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan Review (2020-2040), the final public review stage, was available for public comments until 4pm on Monday 5th May 2025.

It was RESOLVED that the Transport Working Group should review the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan with reference to the impact on Much Wenlock and draft a response for consideration at the next Planning Committee meeting on 29th April 2025.

9. Tasley Neighbourhood Plan

Members noted informal consultation on the Tasley Neighbourhood Plan between 7th March and 18th April 2025.

It was RESOLVED to submit no comments.

10. Correspondence from Marrons

Members considered correspondence from Marrons on behalf of Boningale Developments. **It was RESOLVED to request an informal meeting with Councillors.**

11. Flooding Matters

- The Strategic Flood Working Group had nothing to report.

- b. Members considered an update on the assessment of potential flood risk from Shadwell Quarry. The formal report from the Environment Agency visit to the quarry on 5th February 2025 was still awaited.
- c. Other flooding matters:
 - replacement of an incorrectly fitted manhole cover in the High Street was still outstanding.
 - an update on the use of DfT funds for flood alleviation on the Bourton Road was still awaited. Councillor Benbow had pressed for a response.

12. Transport and Highways Matters

- a. There was nothing to report from the Transport Working Group. Councillors noted that there had been no update on the Gaskell corner feasibility study.
- b. Members noted comments from Shropshire Council Highways regarding pothole repairs in the town. Due to an extensive backlog of works, no date could be given for repairs.

13. Climate Change and Ecological/Nature Emergencies*

Members noted an article from Shropshire Council on the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

14. Street Lighting *

15. Street Naming *

16. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

17. Footpath Diversion Orders*

Members reported that the former route of the footpath at Atterley had been closed but the new route had not been waymarked. The Clerk was asked to report this to Shropshire Council's Rights of Way officer.

18. Road Closures*

Members noted the following road closures:

- a. Location: High Street, Much Wenlock
Date/Time: Saturday, 19th April 2025, 06.30 – 16.30
Purpose: Made in Shropshire Market
Agency: Much Wenlock Town Council
- b. Location: Stretton Road, Much Wenlock
Date/Time: Monday 14th to Tuesday, 15th April 2025, 9.30am to 4.00pm
Purpose: Carriageway surface repair work
Agency: Kier / Shropshire Highways
- c. **Update**
Location: Oakfield Park, Much Wenlock
Date/Time: 28th April to 27th June 2025, all the time
Road will only be closed from 28/04/25 - 30/05, all other works will be carried out without a closure
Purpose: Gas replacement works
Agency: Cadent

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, 29th April 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Guildhall, 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 the response from the enforcement officer and an update on enforcement matters. The Clerk was asked to respond with comments from Councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed.....(Chairperson)

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