

PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held in Ellesmere Town Hall
on Tuesday 25th July, 2017 at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Councillors: Cllrs Mrs J Clayton, G Elner, J Frost, P Goulbourne, Mrs E Peers
and Mrs J Williams

Mandy Evans – Town Clerk
Phil Smith – Temporary Assistant Clerk

PI-1/17 **Election of Chair**

RESOLVED – that Cllr G Elner be elected as Chair of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.

PI-2/17 **Election of Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED – that Cllr J Frost be elected as Vice-Chair of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.

PI-3/17 **To Receive Apologies and Reason for Absence.**

RESOLVED - that the apologies received from Cllrs R Hartley – hospital appointment – and I Ward – holiday – be approved.

PI-4/17 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Items on the Agenda**

None.

PI-5/17 **Grant Dispensations**

None received.

PI-6/17 **Planning**

(i) **Planning Applications For Consideration**

(a) 17/03231/FUL – Replacement front doors and side windows with glazed doors and double glazed windows – Ellesmere Methodist Church, Trimpey Street, Ellesmere

Members did not feel that there would be any adverse visual impact from this proposal. It was moved by Cllr J Frost, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED – that the application be supported with no further comments.

(b) 17/03053/FUL – Erection of first floor extension – 15 Lime Close, Ellesmere

Members had some concerns regarding the window on the side elevation of the new extension and its potential for overlooking. It was moved by Cllr Mrs J Williams, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Clayton and

RESOLVED – that the application be supported, subject to there being no adverse comments/objections from neighbours in relation to overlooking from the first floor side window.

(c) 17/03070/FUL – Conversion of outbuilding to residential use including insertion of doors and windows; internal alterations – Mews Cottage, Market St, Ellesmere

Members had no objections to the application in terms of the conversion of the outbuilding, but some concerns were expressed as to whether the development would impact on the vehicular access to the courtyard of the property. It was moved by Cllr Mrs J Clayton, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED – that the application be supported, but with the proviso that the development does not impact on the vehicular access to the property for emergency vehicles etc.

(d) 17/03238/NEWDEV – Kynaston Place, 12 dwellings at land east of Birch Road, Ellesmere

The Town Clerk reported that this was an application for the naming of the new housing development on land off Birch Road.

RESOLVED – that the naming of the new housing development as Kynaston Place be supported.

PI-7/17

Road Closures

The following road closures had been notified to the Town Council:

Ellesmere Carnival. 26th August, 2017. Midday – 1.15pm. Canal Way, Oswestry Road, Scotland Street, Wharf Road, Cross Street, Sparbridge, Willow Street, Trimpley Street and Victoria Street.

Market Street 14th August, 2017 – 56 days (24 hours). Roofing works on adjacent property to allow safe access.

Castle Street, Whittington 14th August, 2017 8 days (9.30 – 16.00). Resurfacing with civils and lining. No access or egress from Boot Street and Station Road.

Caegoody Lane 2nd August, 2017 1 day (24 hours). Boundary box repair.

Noted.

PI-8/17

Information Circulated to all Members of the Town Council

Economic Growth Strategy for Shropshire 2017-2021

Following consultation, the final version of the Economic Growth Strategy had been approved by Shropshire Council's Cabinet on 12 July.

SALC training course– Negotiate a Better Outcome in Planning

This training opportunity was being held on Wednesday 13th September, 2017 (10am – 4pm) at The Lord Hill Hotel, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

RESOLVED – that Cllrs G Elner and Mrs E Peers attend the course.

Managing Planning Enforcement Enquiries, Shropshire Council

Information on the guidelines adopted by Shropshire Council for dealing with planning enforcement enquiries.

Invitation to Town Councils to a 20mph Conference in Shrewsbury

This was a free conference at Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury on Saturday, 30th September, 2017 (13.00 – 17.00). It was noted that Cllr P Goulbourne would be attending on behalf of the Town Council.

PI-9/17

Planning Protocol Meeting – 13 July 2017

Those Members who had attended the meeting with Shropshire Council representatives felt it had been a useful and informative overview of the planning process, policies and procedures. The slide presentation had been e-mailed to all Members.

PI-10/17

Community Speed Watch

The Town Clerk reported that the Safer Roads Partnership (SRP) had provided an update on the roads that the Town Council had identified as having issues with speeding traffic.

Elson Road – they had been unable to find a suitable and safe location to enforce from.

Grange Road – data was collected and showed good compliance with the speed limit.

Birch Road – due to the nature of the road it was not practicable to carry out enforcement.

A495 Oswestry Rd/Scotland St – data collected showed good compliance with the speed limit between Lakelands School and the Town Centre. The data for the section of Oswestry Rd between the School and the Business Park met the criteria for enforcement, and the SRP was looking for a potential enforcement site at this location.

Concerns were expressed about road safety and speeding on Elson Road, particularly after a recent accident there. It was suggested that representatives from the Town Council should meet with the SRP to look again at locations for enforcement on Elson Rd. Members also believed that there were speeding issues on Grange Rd, and that monitoring should continue.

RESOLVED – that the Safer Roads Partnership be informed that:

(a) the proposal to carry out enforcement on the A495 Oswestry Road between Lakelands School and the Business Park be supported;

(b) the Council would welcome a site meeting to look at potential locations for enforcement along Elson Road;

(c) monitoring should continue on Grange Road.

PI-11/17 **Section 106 Public Realm Funding Project – Town Hall Entrance**

At the last Town Council meeting it had been agreed to employ the specialist services of Shropshire Premises Services to project manage the design and build of the proposed new Town Hall Entrance.

Notes of a meeting on 19 July 2017 between the Town Clerk and Shropshire Premises Services (SPS) were circulated. This included discussions about the specification for the new entrance and the likely timescales for the scheme. SPS would work up a number of design ideas and costings for consideration by the Council.

The report was noted.

PI-12/17 **Shropshire Council Parking Strategy**

Information had been circulated to all Councillors regarding a consultation by Shropshire Council on their proposed new Parking Strategy for their car parks and on-street parking arrangements. The consultation period ended on 17 October 2017.

Members felt that more time was needed to consider the proposals fully and therefore the matter be deferred to the Town Council meeting on 4 September 2017.

PI-13/17 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED - that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

PI-14/17 **Planning Enforcement Cases**

The Town Clerk reported on a notification received from Shropshire Council regarding a planning enforcement case.

The report was noted.

The meeting closed at 10.23am

Chair:

Date: