

PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held in Ellesmere Town Hall
on Monday 6th August, 2018 at 12.00 noon

PRESENT: Councillors: G Elner (Chair), P Goulbourne, R Hartley, D Lunn, Mrs E Peers, I Ward and Mrs J Williams

Jo Butterworth/Phil Smith – Assistant Clerks

PI-12/18 **To Receive Apologies and Reason for Absence.**

RESOLVED - that the apologies received from Cllr Mrs J Clayton – medical appointment – and Cllr J Frost – other commitment - be approved.

PI-13/18 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Items on the Agenda**

None received.

PI-14/18 **Grant Dispensations**

None received.

PI-15/18 **Public Question Time**

No questions had been received and no members of the public were present.

PI-16/18 **Minutes**

It was moved by Cllr R Hartley, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2018 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PI-17/18 **Planning**

(a) Planning Applications For Consideration

(i) 18/03017/FUL – Communication Mast, The Rennet Works, Market Street, Ellesmere – amendment to 17/04476/FUL – removal and replacement of 2 no. existing antennas at roof level with 1 no. wall mounted Trisector antenna, the installation of 1 no. Dorset Cabinet and 1 no. Link AC Cabinet at ground level, and ancillary equipment.

It was moved by Cllr R Hartley, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Williams and

RESOLVED – that the application be supported.

(ii) 18/03051/FUL – 18 Market Street, Ellesmere – change of use of vacant shop unit and bedsit into single dwelling.

It was noted that a neighbouring occupant had raised concerns regarding inadequate soundproofing/insulation between the two adjoining properties.

It was moved by Cllr P Goulbourne, seconded by Cllr D Lunn and

RESOLVED – that the application be supported, subject to any granting of planning permission being conditioned to ensure that the dwelling is properly designed and insulated in accordance with building regulations so as not to compromise the amenity/safety of the occupier of the adjoining property.

(iii) 18/03027/LBC – 25-29 Cross Street, Ellesmere – erection of canopy over walkway and new chiller and freezer, installation of 2 no. AC units, 1 no. Condenser and 2 no. Compressors to rear of store on new concrete base and decoration of shop front frames and doors.

It was noted that this was an application for listed building consent for works that had previously been subject to a full planning application (18/02026/FUL). The Town Council had objected to that application due to concerns about the potential impact of noise from the air conditioning units on a neighbouring property. It was believed that the resident concerned had since received assurances about the noise levels – and it was noted that she had not objected to this application.

While there was concern that this was in effect a retrospective application, Members felt that there was no adverse impact on the building or the Town Centre Conservation Area.

It was moved by Cllr I Ward, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED – that the application be supported.

(Cllr I Ward left the meeting at 12.25pm)

(iv) 18/03279/FUL – Brownlow Bank, Sandy Lane, Ellesmere – erection of a single storey side extension, and detached bicycle store.

It was moved by Cllr Mrs J Williams, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED – that the application be supported.

(b) Planning Decisions

The following decisions made by Shropshire Council were noted:

18/02497/LBC – The White House, Sparbridge, Ellesmere – internal alterations including removal of internal walls and partitions and windows to northeast elevation; alteration to staircase; new openings affecting a grade II listed building.

DECISION – Grant permission

The following two decisions had been received after the issue of the agenda:

18/02414/FUL – Lakelands School, Oswestry Road, Ellesmere – construction of an all-weather sports pitch.

DECISION – Grant permission

18/02007/FUL – 28 Stanham Drive, Ellesmere – erection of two storey and single storey extensions.
DECISION – Grant permission

PI-18/18 **Speeding Issues – Cambria Avenue**

The Assistant Clerk reported that the local police team had received an anonymous e-mail from a resident living on Cambria Avenue concerning speeding traffic and use of the road by HGVs to circumnavigate the traffic lights on the main A495 road. The resident was calling for traffic calming works.

It was noted that there was already a weight restriction on Cambria Avenue and that the Council had included the extension of the double yellow lines at the Elson Road end of Cambria Avenue in its Road Safety Policy following a meeting with Shropshire Council Highways Officers. In terms of vehicle speed reduction, Shropshire Council had already announced that it was not considering any 20mph speed zones within its Highways Programme for the next two years.

PI-19/18 **Proposed Temporary Interim Suspension of New Community led Road Safety Concerns**

A letter from Shropshire Council had been circulated to Members regarding local statements of Community Concerns and Road Safety Policy. Due to a reduction of £5m in its Highways & Transport capital budget this year and next, there had been an interim re-prioritisation of the use of Integrated Transport funding. This meant that the submission of new community-led road safety concerns from town and parish councils would be put on hold until the review of budgets in 2020.

The situation was noted.

PI-20/18 **Highways Safety Inspections Review**

The Assistant Clerk reported that Shropshire Council were consulting on proposals for updating the approach to Highways Safety Inspections and associated activities - including the formal adoption of a risk-based approach, changes to response categories and a definition of defects. The closing date for comments was 23 August 2018.

Reference was made to continuing issues with potholes, and how long it took to fill them.

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, complete the consultation survey taking into account the comments raised.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm

Chair: 

Date: 23/10/18