

## PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held in Ellesmere Town Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 at 6.15pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: G Elner (Chair), N Cull, J Frost, P Goulbourne, M Hancock, R Hartley, D Lunn and A Wignall  
Jo Butterworth – Town Clerk  
Phil Smith – Assistant Clerk

0 members of the public

PI-15/19 **To Receive Apologies and Reason for Absence.**

None.

PI-16/19 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Items on the Agenda**

None received.

PI-17/19 **Grant Dispensations**

None received.

PI-18/19 **Public Question Time**

No public were present.

PI-19/19 **Minutes**

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall, seconded by Cllr N Cull and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PI-20/19 **Planning**

**(a) Planning Applications For Consideration**

(i) 20/00517/REM – Land to South East of The Woodlands, Elson Road, Ellesmere – reserved matters pursuant to 19/00606/OUT for the erection of a dwelling to include appearance, access, layout, scale and landscaping of site.

Members felt that the proposed design and appearance were acceptable.

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

**RESOLVED** – that the application be supported.



(ii) 20/00646/TCA – 40 Scotland Street, Ellesmere – fell 1no Silver Birch, 1no Cherry & 1no Sycamore within Ellesmere Conservation Area.

It was moved by Cllr D Lunn, seconded by Cllr N Cull and

**RESOLVED – that the application be supported.**

**(b) To consider any other planning applications/decisions or correspondence received after the issue of the agenda**

(i) 20/00838/LBC – 37 Watergate Street, Ellesmere – works to replacement of windows to side and rear elevations.

Members considered that the proposed new windows were more in keeping with the building and the Ellesmere Conservation Area than the existing windows.

It was moved by Cllr D Lunn, seconded by Cllr R Hartley and

**RESOLVED – that the application be supported.**

(ii) 20/00813/FUL – Gable Lodge, 3 Brownlow Crescent, Ellesmere – erection of detached 5 bay garage with room over for storage and gymnasium.

The supporting statement from the applicant was considered, and it was felt that more clarification was needed as to whether the proposed use would constitute a commercial/business operation. The proposed garage was a sizeable structure, and it was considered that a site visit would be useful to assess its impact.

It was moved by Cllr G Elner, seconded by Cllr D Lunn and

**RESOLVED – that further consideration of the application be deferred for a site visit.**

(iii) 19/05585/FUL – Lakelands School, Oswestry Road, Ellesmere – permanent retention of temporary vehicular access including provision of car parking area.

Decision: Grant permission.

PI-21/19

**Shropshire Green Infrastructure Study – Stakeholder's Survey**


Shropshire Council had commissioned a company to prepare a Green Infrastructure Strategy to inform the Shropshire Local Plan Review, which was currently underway. This included Ellesmere, and views were sought on key green infrastructure and open space in these areas, and how they were performing and whether there were any specific opportunities. The Town Clerk added that a list of green infrastructure and open spaces within the Ellesmere Urban boundary had been circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting.

The Committee then worked through the Stakeholder's Survey, providing responses for each of the identified sites. In terms of pressures/threats to these sites, it was felt the main issues were around flooding/drainage (partly as a result of climate change), lack of funding for maintenance, play and green areas in new housing developments not being delivered by developers, and lack of future volunteers to help maintain some of the sites. Areas for



development/enhancement were identified as the newly declared Local Nature Reserve at Birch Road pond and the the land adjacent to the Canal Wharf. It was also felt that there were opportunities to plant wildflowers on roadside verges, plant more trees, and to protect The Mere from any encroachment from future development.

The meeting closed at 7.07pm

Chair: .....  .....

Date: ..... 10.9.20 .....

