

PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held Virtually on

Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Councillors: G Elner (Chair), P Goulbourne, M Hancock, D Lunn, J Mowl, A Wignall and J Frost

Jo Butterworth – Town Clerk & RFO
Jean Hynes – Deputy Clerk & Deputy RFO

0 members of the public

PI-13/20 **To Receive Apologies and Reason for Absence.**

RESOLVED: that the apology received from Cllr R Hartley be approved.

PI-14/20 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Items on the Agenda**

None received.

PI-15/20 **Grant Dispositions**

None received.

PI-16/20 **Public Question Time**

No public were present.

PI-17/20 **Minutes**

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

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

PI-18/20 **Planning**

(a) Planning Applications for Consideration

20/04028/FUL - 27 Cherry Drive, Ellesmere, SY12 9PF. Proposal: Erection of a two-storey extension to side and replacement single storey extension to rear.

It was moved by Cllr J Frost, seconded by Cllr Paul Goulbourne and

RESOLVED - that the application be supported.

20/03759/FUL - Proposed Holiday Caravan Site To The East Of, Birch Road, Ellesmere, Shropshire. Proposal: Change of use of land to tourism to include the siting of 20 caravans; creation of new vehicular access and on-site access tracks; landscaping scheme including works to existing ponds.

The Clerk read comments received from a local resident on this application. The resident will be submitting his comments directly to Shropshire Council. She also read the comments made by Ellesmere Rural Parish Council as the site in question shares the boundary of both councils.

A long discussion took place on this application and it was agreed that the application would increase the level of tourism to support the local economy. Several concerns were raised, these being:

Increase of traffic flow along Birch Road to the site
Road Safety issues along Birch Road
Sufficient flood provision
Ecology - detrimental effects to wildlife and more tree planting
Concern that more units would follow the initial 20
Possible light pollution
Term of occupancy per year

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall Seconded by Cllr J Frost and

RESOLVED - to support this application with the following proviso.

There are concerns regarding the detrimental effect on existing wildlife already identified in habitation on this site and that a more detailed independent ecological report be provided, it is noted that there are protected species of newt's present.

The site has a history of flooding and we require confirmation that proposed Flood Provision is sustainable and of a sufficient standard to cope with volume of demand.

That more trees are planted on the site to reduce the impact on the surrounding countryside.

That the site is restricted to a maximum of twenty caravans which are only to be occupied for a maximum of ten months a year.

That road safety issues are sufficiently investigated, as the town council have existing concerns with regard to the safety of the narrow Birch road junction and also the existing residents parking which hinder the traffic flow along this section of the highway.

20/03944/TPO - 69 Cherry Drive, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9PF. Proposal: Crown reduce 1 No Oak tree by half a metre on side branches to give a balanced crown protected by The North Shropshire District Council (Elson Park, Ellesmere) TPO 1987.

The Clerk reported to members that the tree in question was on the boundary between Ellesmere Town Council land and the applicants. Historically the costs for any safety works done to the tree were shared between the applicant and the Town Council. The last Tree survey completed on behalf of the Town Council in December 2019 showed no safety concerns with the tree in question and having spoken to the Tree Surgeon who submitted the application on the applicants behalf it was confirmed that the proposed works are purely cosmetic and not due to safety concerns, however the crown reduction will be required to balance out the tree. Members felt that as this was the case that the cost for the works on this occasion should be met solely by the applicant.

It was moved by Cllr J Frost, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED: to support this application.

(b) To consider any other planning decisions received after the issue of the agenda.

None Received.

PI-19/20

National Pavement Parking Consultation.

The Clerk read comments received from 2 local traders with regards to this consultation to be considered when completing the consultation questions.

The committee worked through the consultation questions to form an answer for submission.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

Chair:

Date: