

PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held at Ellesmere Town Hall on

Monday 6th 2023 6.15pm

PRESENT: Councillors: G Elner (Chair), P Jones (Vice Chair), P Goulbourne, M Hancock, J Mowl, A Wignall, G Hutchinson and A Weeks

Jo Butterworth	Town Clerk & RFO
Jean Hynes	Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
Gem Whitley	Administration Assistant

Members of the Public	0
Member of the Press	0
Unitary Councillor	1 (dual hatted)
Guest Speakers	2

Public Participation Session.

No members of the public were present.

PI-02/23/01 **To receive apologies and reason for absence.**
None received.

PI-02/23/02 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**
None disclosed.

PI-02/23/03 **Grant Dispositions**
None granted.

PI-02/23/04 **Minutes.**

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall, seconded by Cllr G Hutchinson and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

PI-02/23/05 **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Planning Policy and Strategy Manager, Eddie West of Shropshire Council gave a presentation on the pros and cons of Neighbourhood Plans. Mr West stated that Shropshire Council would have a supporting role should the council wish to create a plan but would not write it. To set up a plan would mean setting up a steering group from the community and employing a planning consultant.

Rosie Corner Ellesmere's Place Plan Officer from Shropshire Council went through Neighbourhood Plan grant funding process and explained that the current funding is coming to an end in March 2023, it is not currently whether there will be any future funding available.

Members were informed that the benefit to creating a Neighbourhood Plan would be that the Town Council would have more control. The plan would give us more statutory power over controlling designated Green Space and Development sites and would shape how the community develops.

Emerging local plan up to 2038, a plan would allow infrastructure need to be identified, currently Ellesmere is building 25 houses on average per year.

It was also asked if CIL money could be used to fund creating a plan, it was confirmed that it could not be used.

PI-02/23/06

Planning:

(a) Planning Applications for consideration:

Reference: 23/00212/VAR.

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land to The South of, Oswestry Road, Ellesmere, Shropshire

Proposal: Variation of Condition No's 16 and 17 attached to planning permission 21/03602/FUL dated 24 August 2022.

After much discussion it was agreed to support the variation of condition 17 which was to introduce air sourced heat pumps, and object to variation 16 which would mean removing a hedge. Members felt that the hedge should remain and that a fence should also be placed behind it to stop small children and pets escaping from the rear boundary.

It was moved by Cllr M Hancock seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED - Support the change to variation 17.

FURTHER RESOLVED - Object to condition 16 to save the hedge and ask developers to also install a fence behind it.

Reference: 23/00388/TCA.

Address: Paved Area Adjacent to J S Hair At 10, 10 Cross Street, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0AR

Proposal: Fell 1no. Silver Maple (T8002) within Ellesmere Conservation Area.

It was moved by Cllr P Goulbourne seconded by Cllr G Hutchinson and

RESOLVED – that, Cllrs P Goulbourne, G Hutchinson, A Wignall, G Elner, M Hancock all supported the proposal to remove to fell the tree and remove the roots, Cllr P Jones, voted against the proposal, Cllr J Howard and J Mowl abstained from the vote.

(b) Planning Decisions. For information only.

Reference: 22/04201/FUL.

Address: Proposed Barn Conversion to The North Of, Sandy Lane, Ellesmere, Shropshire.

Proposal: Conversion of barns to dwelling, installation of a glazed link to connect two buildings, alterations to access and installation of package treatment plant

Decision: Refuse. Noted.

PI-02/23/07 **Highways & Parking issues in Ellesmere.**

Due to time constraints this item was moved to the next agenda.

PI-02/23/08 **Exclusion of Press and Public.**

It was moved by Cllr P Goulbourne, seconded by Cllr G Hutchinson and

RESOLVED: that by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the public and press be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of confidential information as defined in the Acts.

PI-02/23/09 **Planning Enforcement Case.**

The Clerk reported details of a local planning enforcement case to members. **Noted.**

The meeting closed at 7:14pm.

Chair:

Date: