

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HEREFORD
on Wednesday 18th May 2016

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor **and** Councillors Michael, Nicholls, Mansel, Dykes, Lloyd-Hayes, Kenyon and Hey.

OFFICERS ATTENDING: Steve Kerry, Town Clerk

P145 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

As there might be new people elected to the Committee at Council the following week it was agreed to hold this item over to the next meeting.

P146 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Griffiths, and Boulter.

P147 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES:

CLr Boulter had appointed CLr Nichols as her substitute.

P148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

P149 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on 27th April were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

P150 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

It was Resolved that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of the County of Herefordshire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council and that District Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

P151 POLICY ISSUES

P151.1 Hereford Area Plan

The Clerk reported that the Breinton Neighbourhood Plan had been rejected at regulation 16, the final stage for principal authority approval. This had caused a great deal of consternation as the parish felt there had been minimal support in framing the plan and much work would now have to be done again consuming time and resources. A revised plan would be the subject of fresh consultation with the City as a bordering parish. Leominster had a similar regulation 16 rejection issue regarding their Neighbourhood Plan over a conflict between those wanting to build a new road before housing development (including the Parish Council) and Herefordshire's view that the road can only be built with planning gain money from completed housing projects.

P151.2 Eastern River Crossing

The Clerk reported an informal meeting had taken place earlier in the day with the mayor and representatives of Dinedor, Little Birch and Hampton Bishop Parish Councils where there had been general cautious support for the concept although a recognition of the difficulties of progressing this idea before the completion of the western by-pass to which Herefordshire Council is committed in its Local Transport Plan and Core Strategy documents. The parishes had said how pleased they were to be asked at the earliest stage of the development of the project.

P151.3 ASDA Site representations to County Planning Committee.

The Clerk reported that despite several objectors the application for a petrol station adjacent to the A49 on the ASDA site had been approved. Most members voting in favour had noted what a poor application it was and the points about loss of housing land, violation of a conservation area and traffic implications had all been made. Nonetheless Herefordshire's officers had strongly advised against rejection as an appeal would in their view be lost, at great cost to the Council. Members had reluctantly followed this guidance. The Mayor thanked the Clerk for putting the City Council's views forward forcefully and eloquently, although sadly on this occasion unsuccessfully.

P152 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

It was **Resolved**

That the applications noted in the attached table, and the licensing matters attached with the responses of the City Council be agreed and forwarded to the Planning Authority by the Clerk.

P.153 CORRESPONDENCE

P153.1 Parking Proposals

The Clerk was asked to convey support for two local parking control schemes referred for comments, and to explore with Herefordshire whether a standard policy of putting double yellow lines on all junctions running three or four metres down each arm of the junction might be feasible. It was noted that the line of sight considerations prompting the items being considered at this meeting apply equally to many other junctions where inconsiderate concern parking presents a road safety hazard.

P154 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 6.15 pm at the Town Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman, declared the meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Signed

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

Date