

**A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD
AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2011 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Cllrs M Graham (Chair), C Gough, M Gittus, D Hancox, N Knapman, L Cumberbatch, Mrs P Haggerty (Assistant Clerk).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

No public were present

1. Apologies

Cllrs Y Hine, R Leek

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of Planning Committee meeting of 21 February 2011 (circulated) were approved and signed.

4. Planning Applications

a) 10/02718/FUL - Proposed erection of 4no. 8m high floodlights to kids zone courts at Alcester Tennis Club, Moorfield Road for Mr P Bostock. *No representations to make*

b) 11/00385/OUT - Proposed residential development of up to 125 market and affordable dwellings on land east of Kinwarton Farm Road Alcester for Redrow Homes Midlands. *After discussion it was decided to keep the response as the last one but with a few changes. Chair and Assistant Clerk to put together a response and circulate to committee members by the end of the week.*

c) 11/00418/TREE - H1 Leylandii hedge - reduce height by 30% at Alcester Methodist Church, Priory Road for Rev Bob Thomas. *No representations to make*

d) 11/00296/FUL - Proposed conservatory to rear of 35 Bleachfield Street for Ms G Buckley (retrospective). *No representations to make*

5. Notice of Decision - Permission with conditions

The following was noted:

a) 11/00101/ADV - Proposed hanging sign at Alcester Unionist Club, 46-48 High Street

6. Parking Issue

Cllr Graham reported that he had met the Head Teacher of St Benedict's School regarding the lack of yellow lines in a section of road outside the school. A school bus was parking in that section opposite the entrance to the Hopkins Precinct Shops and causing an obstruction and danger to pedestrians crossing in front of and behind the bus. The Head Teacher agreed that the Town Council Planning Committee could write to Warwickshire County Council regarding this.

Cllr Gittus also reported that he was trying to resolve complaints from residents about a huge tank on the St Benedict's school site, the size of which was not indicated on the planning application for the new building.

7. Localism Bill

Members were asked to consider the Localism Bill (circulated) with respect to formulating Town Council policy. This was deferred until further information was received. This item is to remain on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

8. Stratford Road Land

The Environment Agency continues to use the area during work on the flood alleviation scheme. When they vacate the site, Severn Trent will move on to start their drainage work. Cllr Gittus was to bring up the subject of reinstatement of the land at the next Flood Forum meeting.

9. Design Statement

The updated version had been circulated to councillors and it was agreed to send a copy to the Civic Society for any comments to be returned to us by end of April at the latest.

10. High Street Shops

- a) The new Acorns Hospice shop had opened and it looked very good.
- b) One or two cafes had applied for a street licence to place signs and furniture.

11. Terms of Reference and Current Projects

- a) The current Terms of Reference for all committees were to have the same type of wording to bring them all into line.
- b) Stratford Road land and the Design Statement had been reviewed at items 7 and 8

12. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received

13. Propositions to a full Council meeting

There were no propositions to full council

14. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 4 April 2011 at 7.00pm