



A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)

Present

Cllrs C Gough (Chair), C Neal-Sturgess, M Cargill (Mayor), Y Hine (Deputy Mayor), Y Morrison, C Brannigan, L Cumberbatch, K Wright (Clerk to the Planning Committee)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies

Cllrs N Knapman, J Bunting, J Styles,

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of Planning Committee meeting of 22 October 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Planning Applications

a) **13/02763/TREE** - Proposed: - A: Conifer: remove and replant with Silver Birch or Mountain Ash - B: Holly: remove - C: Conifer: remove and replant with Silver Birch or Mountain Ash - D: Conifer x4: remove - E: Holly: remove - F: Ash: remove - G: Conifer - remove - H: Conifer: remove - I: Hawthorn: remove - J: Conifer: remove - K: Sweet Chestnut: prune to clear telephone lines - L: Damson: remove - M: Damson: remove. At: 7 Tibbets Close, Meeting Lane, Alcester, B49 5QU For: Mr David Wade (Comments by 18 November)

SUPPORT - ATC Cllrs were concerned at the number of trees to be removed as it is generally ATC Policy to retain trees wherever possible. However in this instance we can appreciate the need to make the property more manageable and it was noted that the largest tree onsite is to be retained, therefore not affecting the character of the area greatly. Having spoken to the SDC Tree Officer we are happy to support the application assuming her support too and do not anticipate any objections from the neighbours, therefore we do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee meeting on this application.

5. Notice of Decision

- a) **13/02251/TREE – CONSENT WITH CONDITIONS** – T1 ash: Re-pollard back to previous pollard points. At Champery, Cross Road, Alcester. Noted
- b) **05/01740/FUL – PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS** – proposed two storey side extension at 81 Bleachfield Street, Alcester. Noted
- c) **13/01588/FUL – Officer refusal** – Churchill retirement living at 2-6 Priory Road, Alcester. Noted

6. Stratford District Council (Planning and Licencing)

To receive any updates:

- a) **13/01140/FUL & 13/01141/FUL** (Oversley Castle) – Committee meeting 6 November, M Cargill to attend having spoken on this item before.

7. Land North of Allimore Lane

Letters as third party involvement had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate outlining the areas each will be speaking on;

Cllr M Gittus – Noise

Cllr E Payne – Parking

Cllr S Adams – Open Space

Cllr M Cargill – Community facilities

Cllr C Neal-Sturgess – Flooding

Cllr L Cumberbatch – Health and education

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8. Housing Needs

There were no further updates

9. High Street development

Future plans as discussed previously will be taken to Full Council.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs had received a report outlining the proposals from SDC for Alcester to take nearly 4000 additional homes on a development outside of the bypass which highlighted the necessity for Alcester to have a Neighbourhood plan in place indicating its choice of sites for future development before a District Core Strategy could force its plans onto Alcester. Cllrs were in agreement that a development of such a scale would destroy the character of the Town.

Therefore, although a Neighbourhood Plan cannot be published until after the Core Strategy is in place it was felt that as much work as possible should be done alongside the development of the Core Strategy so that if any significant changes were to be made to the CS which would affect Alcester then we would be in a much better position to contest them with the local evidence to support it. Cllrs will work with SDC Officers to discuss the direction future plans will take.

It was discussed how best to introduce this information to the public in order to encourage the public to support the work needed to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Beginning with the Mayor's blog on the social networking sites and on the ATC website.

To get the working and consultation groups up and running before the public can be involved, Cllrs are to continue their discussions with other existing groups or individuals. A Neighbourhood Plan Steering committee will meet on the 19th November to report back on this.

11. Correspondence

a) *None to date*

12. Propositions to full Council

The propositions put forward at the last planning committee meeting can now be brought forward to the next full council meeting.

13. Date and time of next meeting

(Full Council 5th November at 7pm)

Tuesday 19th November at 7pm