

**A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD  
7.00PM TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,  
ALCESTER**

**Present**

Cllrs C Neal-Sturgess (Chair), M Cargill (Mayor), N Knapman, J Bunting, J Styles, C Brannigan, C Wright (Town Clerk), 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 C Gough, Y Morrison, Y Hine (Deputy Mayor)

**2. Declarations of Interest**

*None*

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of Planning Committee meeting of 4 November 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

**4. Planning Applications**

- a) **13/02833/TREE** - Proposed: - T1: Ash: 30% crown reduction At: 1 Moorfield Road, Alcester, B49 5DA, For: Mr And Mrs Hempell (Comments by 25 November)  
**SUPPORT** – ATC support the good maintenance of trees in order to preserve the tree for the future and felt this application will have minimal impact on the surrounding area. We do not anticipate any objections from neighbours therefore do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee meeting on this matter.
- b) **13/02705/FUL** - Proposed: Proposed automated external defibrillator At: St Benedicts R C High School, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, B49 6PX For: Mrs Ann Delaney (Comments by 26 November)  
**SUPPORT** – ATC fully support the installation of life saving equipment and consider this to be an ideal location in the town. ATC consider applications with such immense benefits to the town with such minimal implications to the surrounding area ought to be allowed under permitted development in the future. We do not anticipate any objections from neighbours therefore do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee meeting on this matter.
- c) **13/02871/TREE** - Proposed: - G1: Poplar: reduce canopies back to approximately 1m within the drainage channel At: 1 Corinthian Court, Alcester, B49 5AY, for: Mr Allan Kenward (Westside Forestry Ltd) (Comments by 27 November)  
**SUPPORT** – ATC have consulted with the SDC Forestry and Landscape Officer regarding this application and are happy that all of the necessary consultation has been carried out for these trees in a Conservation area with minimal impact to the visual appearance of the area. We do not anticipate any objections from neighbours therefore do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee meeting on this matter.
- d) **13/02894/TREE** - Proposed: - T1: Conifer: remove and replace with more suitable tree - T2: Laburnum: remove and replace with mountain ash. At: Greenmore, 28A Moorfield Road, Alcester, B49 5DA for: Mr Mark Newell (Mark Newell Tree Care) (Comments by 3 December)  
**SUPPORT** - ATC have consulted with the SDC Forestry and Landscape Officer regarding this application and support the application for the removal of the trees and that their replacements will be equally complimentary to the area. We do not anticipate any objections from neighbours therefore do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee meeting on this matter.
- e) **13/02878/FUL** - Proposed: Erection of two storey covered external staircase to southern elevation to facilitate escape from school canteen. At: Alcester Grammar School, Birmingham Road, Alcester, B49 5ED For: Alcester Grammar School (Comments by 5 December)  
**SUPPORT** – ATC fully supports this application and welcome the positive impact this will have on the safety of the school. We do not anticipate any objections from neighbours therefore do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee meeting on this matter.

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**5. Notice of Decision**

- a) **13/01588/FUL – REFUSAL** – Proposed redevelopment to form 36 Sheltered apartments for the elderly, including communal facilities, access, car parking and landscaping for Churchill retirement living at 2-6 Priory Road, Alcester. *Previously Circulated and Noted*
- b) **13/02175/FUL – PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS** – Proposed conservatory to rear of property. Works commenced before the issuing of a decision at 14 Chantry Crescent, Alcester. *Noted*
- c) **13/01599/FUL – PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS** - Construction of a 3-bed dwelling and off-site engineering works to provide flood compensation scheme. At 9 Tibbets Close, Meeting Lane, Alcester. *Noted*

**6. Stratford District Council (Planning and Licencing)**

The Mayor had attended a SDC Planning Committee meeting regarding the development at Oversley Castle which had been supported following a site visit to assess the concerns regarding the access in Wixford.

**7. Land North of Allimore Lane**

Cllrs were preparing their presentations for the Appeal inquiry.

The two applications will be considered simultaneously but not conjoined.

**8. Housing Needs**

The Clerk met again with WRCC, WCC and SDC to discuss the work being carried out to assess the two identified sites for extra care and specialised facilities. Possible locations in the town for Social Housing have been discussed as well in light of financial settlements being opted for by developers.

**9. High Street development**

The Clerk has been investigating this matter further following the propositions to full council. Two different market operators have been consulted and both said they do not think there is enough trade for a weekly market, but it would be an ideal site for a monthly market, especially working with other market towns in the area. The feasibility of how to hold these events is being considered further with the possibility of closing the high street once a month.

Further to this the Clerk is investigating Alcester Town Council becoming the Market Authority for the Town by adopting the relevant Act of Parliament, meaning that Alcester would control the type of market which can be held.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllrs have been continuing in their liaising with existing groups within the town in order to form the Senior Advisory Group. A meeting with SDC is yet to be arranged.

**11. Correspondence**

- a) SDC Ward boundary review. *Previously circulated and Noted*

**12. Propositions to full Council**

To assist in the building of the neighbourhood plan and to best defend the town against future development proposals, it was agreed by the Committee that a proposition should be put forward to the Full Council that a separate committee should be formed to handle "Strategic Planning" issues leaving this committee to focus on current applications.

**13. Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm (Note: Full Council moved to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December)