

**A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD
7.00PM MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER**

Present

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

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of Planning Committee meeting of 19 November 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Planning Applications

a) **13/02879/FUL** – Proposed: Erection of single storey extension to provide school reception building to western elevation, to include refurbishment and alterations to existing elevations and changes to fenestration. At: Alcester Grammar School Birmingham Road Alcester B49 5ED (Comments by 5 December)

SUPPORT – ATC support this application and noted the good design, it will also use an area of land between two existing buildings which is otherwise unused and tidy the appearance of the school entrance with no impact on traffic or pedestrian safety. ATC do not anticipate any objections from the neighbours therefore do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning committee meeting on this matter.

b) **13/02776/FUL** - Proposed: Rear, single storey extension and raised garden area At: 5 Stratford Road, Alcester, B49 5AU, for: Mrs Pauline Wilson (Comments by 6 December)

SUPPORT – ATC have no objections to this application as the new build will replace an existing conservatory, we do not anticipate any objections from neighbours, especially with there being no overlooking issue with the raised garden as there are no properties behind, therefore we do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC planning committee meeting on this matter.

c) **13/02979/TPO** - Proposed: - G1: Oak: lift crowns overhanging neighbouring garages to clear garage roofs by 1.5m At: Walls And Ceilings Ltd, Tything Road West, Kinwarton, For: Mr Brian Vaughan (Comments by 12 December)

SUPPORT – ATC fully support this application as this tree has been a cause for concern with the surrounding neighbours for quite some time and the crowning will improve the condition of the tree and yet retain the feature in the area. ATC do not anticipate there to be any objections from neighbours therefore we do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC planning committee meeting on this matter.

5. Notice of Decision

a) **13/02215/FUL – PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS** – Retrospective application for change of use of former industrial building to use for the preparation, repackaging and distribution of meat products and use of part of the site for food retail sales. To exclude external refrigerated store and canopy to front elevation. At A P Meats Ltd, 3 Precision Way, Alcester. *Noted*

b) **13/02536/FUL – PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS** – Removal of substation and laying out of hard surface for parking at Minerva Mill Innovation Centre, Station Road, Alcester. *Noted*

6. Stratford District Council (Planning and Licencing)

No updates to report

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7. Land North of Allimore Lane

A number of Cllrs and the clerk had attended the Appeal Inquiry, the Cllrs that spoke did so very well and it was felt the inspector gave a fair hearing to all the information presented as well as a long visit around Alcester on the last day. It will be 2-3 months until his report will be published, after the Secretary of State has approved it.

Section 106 awards were discussed as well and the point made that ATC would like any money to be ring-fenced for Alcester, this was despite yet another submission from the South Warwickshire Foundation Trust for a further £500,000 towards Warwick hospital.

8. Housing Needs

No further updates to report

9. High Street development

The matter of becoming the Market Authority will be discussed at Full Council

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Neal-Sturgess contacted the local MP, Nadhim Zahawi, regarding the proposal for 4000+ homes on the west side of the Alcester bypass, he was unaware of this proposal and has asked for the status of this document from SDC.

An Alcester Neighbourhood Plan will carry little weight until after the District Core Strategy has been published, however Alcester needs to work on a Strategy document which will form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan and can be used as some protection until then.

11. Correspondence

a) *None*

12. Propositions to full Council

The proposition as put forward by the planning committee at the last meeting for the creation of a 'Strategic Planning Committee', having signed the minutes will now be taken forward to the next full council meeting on the 10th December.

13. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 17th December at 7pm