



A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)

Present

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies

Cllr Y Morrison

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 13 October 2014, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Planning Applications

- a) **14/02710/TREE** - Proposed: - T3: Ash: Section fell to ground level. At: Back Of Beyond, 14B High Street, Alcester, B49 5AD for: Mrs Linda Jennings. Comments due by: 27 October 2014 Case Officer: Ruth Rose
SUPPORT - ATC Cllrs visited the site to assess the tree in this application, they could find no objections to the removal of this tree and did not anticipate there to be any material planning objections from neighbours. They do not think it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee on this matter.
- b) **14/02707/TPO** - Proposed: - T1: Silver Birch: 30% crown reduction - T2: Silver Birch: section fell to ground level. At: Back Of Beyond, 14B High Street, Alcester, B49 5AD For: Mrs Linda Jennings. Comments due by: 27 October 2014 Case Officer: Ruth Rose
SUPPORT - ATC Cllrs visited the site to assess the two trees in this application, they were concerned over the necessity to fell T2: Silver birch, however on inspection considered this the best course of action with the severity of the lean of the tree towards the house. They were also aware that the tree had previously been granted permission to be felled in the past. With regards to T1: Silver birch the Cllrs noted that it too was not in a good state however welcomed the attempt to restore the tree to a manageable size. We do not anticipate there to be any material planning objections from neighbours considering the current state of the trees and do not feel it is necessary to attend a SDC Planning Committee meeting on this matter.
- c) **14/02818/TPO** - Proposed: - T1: Oak: cut back branches overhanging metal fence and cut back lower branches overhanging drive. - T2: Oak: cut back branches overhanging metal fence and cut back lower branches overhanging drive. At: STREET RECORD, Beacon Close, Alcester, For: East Midlands Housing. Comments due by: 3 November 2014 Case Officer: Ruth Rose
SUPPORT - ATC Cllrs had no objections to this application as proper maintenance of these trees is necessary to keep them in good shape and safe for residents nearby, they were also pleased to see a Housing Association taking responsibility to maintain the trees. ATC do not anticipate there to be any material planning objections therefore do not consider it necessary to attend a SDC Planning committee meeting on this matter.
- 5. Notice of Decision**
- a) **14/01661/FUL - PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS** - Change of use of building from Use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) to Use Class B2 (General Industry), with ancillary office accommodation/storage and external storage and external alterations including widening of loading-bay door on North elevation. At: Abbey Mills, Alcester Heath, Alcester. *Noted.*
- b) **14/02064/OUT - OUTLINE PERMISSION** - Construction of an Agricultural workers Dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved). At: Kings Coughton Farm, Kings Coughton, Alcester. *Noted.*



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6. Stratford District Council (Planning and Licencing)

- d) Cllr M Cargill reported that he has a meeting with SDC regarding their Open Spaces document and requested that if the Committee wish to add any points would they arrange to see him before the meeting.

7. Market applications

- e) None

8. Correspondence

- f) *Mr & Mrs Harris Re:14/01661/FUL – Letter to the Town Council objecting to the application for a change of use at the Abbey Mills site (which has been granted by the Local Planning Authority)*
- g) *Mr R Laidler Re:14/01661/FUL – Letter to the Town Council objecting to the application for a change of use at the Abbey Mills site (which has been granted by the Local Planning Authority)*

Cllrs considered the above two items together due to the similarity in content, they were also informed of another item of the same which had been received following Cllr M Cargill's response. Cllr M Cargill as a SDC Ward member had also received the same letters and had responded having spoken to both the SDC Case Officer and the MD of the company who made the application.

The residents' concerns were that firstly they had not been informed of the proposed change of use and were also concerned about the possible noise and dust nuisance from the proposed. Cllr M Cargill reported that having spoken to the Case Officer the correct procedure of notification had been followed, however it was noted that the newspaper advertising of the Planning Applications is in a newspaper which is not delivered to homes in Alcester and in particular Kings Coughton. Cllr M Cargill's discussions with the company assured him that the noise should be considerably less than the site's previous use with a 7am-6pm operating hours and the high tech equipment inside the well-insulated building, this should also prevent dust escaping. It was also noted that there will be 5 articulated vehicles coming to/leaving the site during the day, which is significantly less than the previous use, so far less impact onto the local traffic.

It was decided that ATC should respond to the residents acknowledging their letters and concurring with the response Cllr M Cargill had given, the Town Clerk to do this.

9. Propositions to Full Council

There were no propositions

10. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 10 November at 7pm