

**A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD
7.00PM MONDAY 30 MARCH 2015 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER**

Present

Cllrs C Neal-Sturgess (Deputy Mayor) (chairman), J Bunting, M Cargill, C Brannigan, J Styles.
Also: Cllr M Gittus, C Wright (Town Clerk), K Wright (Clerk to the Planning Committee)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

Mr Alf Manders attended to speak to the Committee regarding the WCC proposals for a 20mph zone in Alcester, he was concerned that the proposal was unnecessary.

Cllr Mike Gittus responded stating it was part of a project which he has been working on for a number of years as a long term improvement for the High Street in particular as well as the safety of the town.

Cllr John Bunting commented that he would like to see investment in "Safe Routes to Schools", which was identified as a key issue for the County Council this year.

Cllr Mike Gittus replied that his budget for road safety could not extend to the expense of a crossing, his budget was for the whole of the wider Alcester area and he was working with the schools with regards to extending the 20mph zone to outside the schools, which has the support of the governors of the schools. However he did suggest that the Planning Committee of Alcester Town Council should write to WCC requesting that they investigate the need to install pedestrian crossings in the town as part of their "Safe routes to school" budget which is separate to his and large enough to cover such projects.

Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess concluded the discussion noting that how it was presented to the Public will be important to get their support for this scheme.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Y Hine (Mayor), C Gough, Y Morrison, N Knapman

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 2nd March having been circulated and approved, were signed. The meeting of the 16th March had been cancelled and all matters deferred to this meeting.

4. Planning Applications

- a) **15/00240/FUL** – Amendment application: Proposed part two storey extension (to form bedroom with en-suite and family room) part single storey extension (to form extended entrance porch) to the side including the creation of a new access and hardstanding, porch and other alterations/site works. At: 2 Beauchamp Road, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 6BD For: Ms Maura McGhee. An amendment/additional information has been received for the application shown above as follows: Revised plans have been received which amend the design of the two storey side element proposed. FOR INFORMATION ONLY. *The Committee agreed by email that no further comment needed be made.* Case Officer Erin Weatherstone.
- b) **15/00888/DDT** - Proposed: - T1 sycamore: fell (poor condition, hollow and decaying). Site to be assessed for replacement planting. - T2 lime; pollard at approximately 50% of height (dying back and would be more exposed once T1 felled). At: Alcester Tennis Club, Moorfield Road, Alcester, For: Rupert Daffern (RD Tree Surgery). FOR INFORMATION ONLY. Notification has been received in relation to dead/dangerous tree/s at the above address. As the tree/s are dead/dangerous there is no requirement to go through the Conservation Area Notification for tree works (6 week process)/TPO application process. A Forestry and Landscape Officer has either visited the site or examined a report with photographic evidence and confirms that the works are necessary. Case Officer: Ruth Rose Forestry and Landscape Officer. *The Committee noted there was no replacement planting scheduled so the clerk will approach the Case Officer about this.*

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5. Notice of Decision

- a) **15/00180/TREE CONSENT WITH CONDITIONS** – T2 ash: fell, T3 ash: fell, T5 ash: fell 7 Coppice ash stool stems 8-13: reduce laterals on eastern side of canopy by approx. 20% back to growth points. At Riverside, 42 Malt Mil Lane, Alcester. *Noted*
- b) **14/03546/LBC CONSENT GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS** – Removal and replacement of 6no existing flood and 17no wall lights and the introduction of 8no new wall lights in new positions. At Moat House Inn, Birmingham Road, Kings Coughton. *Noted*
- c) **14/03604/LBC CONSENT GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS** – Refurbishment of existing signs. At Moat House Inn, Birmingham Road, Kings Coughton. *Noted*
- d) **14/03319/LBC CONSENT GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS** – Clad over the render in the gable end of the older building in natural finish waney edged boarding. At Moat House Inn, Birmingham Road, Kings Coughton. *Noted*

a) **Stratford District Council (Planning and Licencing)**

- b) None

6. Market applications

- c) Ms D Williams (Alcester & Forest of Arden Food Festival) – Food festival Saturday 16th May 2015 9am-5pm (with road closure) High Street, Church Street & Henley Street *Cllrs noted that the application was as it has been before and having had no problems in the past, Cllrs had no objections to this application.*
- d) Alcester Artisan Market Cancellation (no fee received).
Cllrs enquired as to the reason it was cancelled, and have asked the Town Clerk for a report to be given at the next Full Council meeting.
It was noted that there is no policy in place should a market be cancelled once the fee has been received, this is to be reviewed.
- e) Ms B Haining (Gobal Harmony Charity) – Music Festival with merchandise and food market stalls – land off Stratford Road, 30th and 31st August 2015.
Cllrs had no objections in principal however were concerned about the possible size of the event and therefore have asked if more information can be given by the way of a presentation by the applicant to the next convenient Planning Committee meeting.

7. Correspondence

- f) Mr Tigwell – Concerns regarding the changes to the parking arrangements in Eclipse Road (in relation to application 11/02895/OUT)
The clerk had already replied to Mr Tigwell and asked Cllr M Gittus for a response on behalf of WCC, the committee understood his concerns however felt there was nothing else that they could offer.
- g) S. Weate & D Turner – Concerns about safe routes to school
A number of letters have been received from parents after an initiative through the school. As discussed earlier in the meeting a letter will be written to WCC using these as evidence to request this is investigated with a view to using funds from the Safe Routes to School budget.

8. Propositions to Full Council

Following the discussions on the WCC proposals for a 20mph zone in Alcester the Planning Committee held a vote where it was determined by three votes to support the scheme and one member abstained. Therefore the Planning Committee have the following proposal:

“Support of the proposals by Warwickshire County Council for a 20mph zone in Alcester”

9. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 13 April at 7pm

(Following the Our Alcester meeting 13 April at 6pm)