

## Alcester Town Council

### Annual Report of the Planning Committee 2017-18

**Membership:** The standing members were Cllrs Clive Neal-Sturgess (Chair), Yvette Morrison (Mayor) Mark Cargill, Chris Brannigan, Jim Kenyon, John Bunting, Kathryn Cargill, Alison Brown

**Meetings:** The Planning Committee met on 18 occasions throughout the year, and considered 88 Planning applications, all of which are minuted (please see the Town Council website). Objections were made on 32 occasions. Site visits were conducted on 6 occasions, and public representation occurred at 10 meetings.

Applications of significance were:

- **SIG Roofspace, Alcester Heath:** Two applications were submitted, one concerned with changing the height of the storage, and another concerned with changing the layout of the roller shutter doors and increasing time on site. Objection lodged to the first application, but after a site visit, the proposal was agreed. Objection sustained to the second application due to concerns about noise, lighting and landscaping.
- **Alcester Members Club, St Faiths Road:** Change of use to a mixed use as Members Club with Bed & Breakfast and external works to facilitate the change. Initially an objection was made, but after a visit to a local similar development the proposal was agreed.
- **Garages, St Faiths Road:** Demolition of existing garage blocks and erection of 4 dwellings (with associated stopping up of highway behind 78- 84 St Faiths Road). Support for the proposal- improvement on the existing site, adequate parking provision and amenity space had been made and the development is in keeping with existing properties.
- **White Lion, Evesham Street:** An objection was made regarding parking and the new houses on the carepark – considered to be overbearing. Following a revised application, which was viewed more favourably, the developers appealed the original decision, and the appeal was granted.
- **Rosehill, Priory Road:** An objection was made due to the works being progressed without permission. The application went to SDC Planning Committee (West) and the proposal granted permission with conditions.

#### **Alcester Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan group met a number of times throughout the year. A grant from Locaity was obtained and a consultant appointed. A Steering Committee composed largely of members of the public was appointed chaired by Mrs Wendy Mills. It was decided that the plan will focus on five main areas: Economy, Community Facilities, Housing and the Built Environment, Transport and Infrastructure, Natural Environment for which working groups have been established.

**Professor Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess**  
**April 2018**