



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY 2 AUGUST 2021 AT 7PM BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

For the health and well-being of our community, as a result of the Covid-19 crisis and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020, Planning Committee meetings are sometimes being held by email. However, where possible meetings are being held remotely using Zoom software.

Present

Cllrs M Bowe, C Neal-Sturgess, V Blake, M Cargill, K Cargill, G Forman and T Forman

In attendance

Ms S Duran, Deputy Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

Mr T Leach, 2 Station Road, attended the meeting to outline his intentions for his property. He purchased the property in 2020 and is now in the process of refurbishing it. The front of the house was very neglected, the wall was not in keeping and was listing. He now wishes to upgrade the wall and return it to its original Victorian design. He had had rough hewn bricks laid and will be using a Bath Stone coping stone. He also intends to erect ornamental railings. He has sought and obtained agreement of neighbours in the adjoining property. He has not however approached SDC. It was questioned why Mr Leach had come to speak to the Committee. Mr Leach was wondering whether he may be required to make a retrospective planning application. The Chair suggested that as the property is in the Conservation Area, Mr Leach should seek advice and guidance from the planning authority as soon as possible. Cllr M Cargill offered assistance about the planning process.

1. Apologies

Cllr K Forbes. Cllr M Hempell absent without apology.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

4. Planning Applications

- a) **21/02142/FUL- 2 Chantry Crescent Alcester B49 5BT.** Proposed: Demolition of rear single storey structure and construction of new pitched roof rear extension. For: Mr & Mrs Crisp. **NO OBJECTION**
- b) **21/02424/TREE- Aine House 2 Old Rectory Garden Alcester B49 5DB.** Proposed: L1 - Lilac tree - Branch overhanging 3 Rectory Garden. Reduce by 4M back to boundary fence. For: Mr P Harris. **NO OBJECTION.** The poor quality of the plans for all related applications below was noted.
- c) **21/02355/TREE- 3 Old Rectory Garden Alcester B49 5DB.** Proposed: A1 - apple - Dismantle and remove S1 - unidentifiable stump 3M tall covered with secondary growth Ivy - Remove C1 - cornus - Dismantle and remove E1 - elder - Dismantle and remove H1 - hazel - Dismantle and remove H2 - purple hazel - Reduce height from 3M to 2M. Reduce spread from 4M to 3M H3 - Hazel - Dismantle and remove HO1 & HO2 - Holly Trees - Dismantle and remove. For: Mr P Harris. **HOLDING OBJECTION** due to concerns about the number of trees being removed in the absence of any explanation. However, the Committee will be guided by the Case Officer's recommendation.
- d) **21/02361/TPO- 3 Old Rectory Garden Alcester B49 5DB.** Proposed: A1 - european ash - Reduce length of 2 lowest large lateral branches from 10M to 3M. These branches overhang the neighbouring property and Moorfield Road Crown Clean. For: Mr P Harris. **NO OBJECTION.** The Committee will be guided by the Case Officer's recommendation.

5. Notice of Decision by SDC

- a) **21/02007/TREE- Allotment Gardens School Road Alcester B49 5DE.** Proposed: T1 - goat willow - Reduce height and spread from approx. 8metres to 2metres. The tree is referenced as Number 30951 in a survey on behalf of Alcester Town Council. For: Mrs V Lowe, Alcester Town Council. **CONSENT WITH CONDITIONS**

6. Proposition to Full Council

None.

7. Correspondence

- a) **Miranda Rogers, Stansgate Planning-** Planning application 21/01065/FUL - Canopy for car wash at Alcester Rugby Club. Request by Stansgate for ATC to review consultation response. Cllrs held mixed views with respect to this application. Cllrs Blake and Neal-Sturgess felt that this was not particularly harmful to this interstitial section of the green belt as it is located at the Rugby Club. Cllrs Bowe, M & K Cargill and G & T Forman felt that this was inappropriate development in the green belt and that there were no special circumstances or demonstrable benefit to offset this. As a retrospective application, cllrs were concerned as to the potential for development creep and the fact that the application had not initially gone through the correct channels. Disappointment was expressed that Stansgate had not taken the opportunity to come and talk to the Committee. At the meeting this evening it was agreed by 5 votes to 2 to sustain the objection. However, Cllrs M Cargill and M Bowe are to visit the site tomorrow and make a further assessment in light of potential mitigation measures offered to include a reduction in height of the car wash canopy and improved landscaping.

- b) **Warwickshire County Council, Sustainable Communities-** Survey - Bus Service Improvement. Request to participate and publicise. The public engagement exercise will run from 26 July 2021–19 September 2021. Whilst many cllrs are not bus users there was an awareness that frequency and affordability of bus services to and from Alcester needs to be improved- especially with respect to travel related to employment needs and students in Further Education accessing both Stratford upon Avon and Redditch campuses. Co-ordination with train services should also be encouraged. It was agreed that cllrs would review the questions in the survey and a combined response would be prepared at the next meeting. Cllr M Cargill suggested a link to the survey should be included in the Town Council Autumn newsletter.

8. Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair

None.

9. Exclusion of the Public

10 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 23 August 2021 at 7pm