



# ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 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, M Cargill, K Cargill, V Blake & K Forbes

### **In attendance**

Ms S Duran, Deputy Town Clerk

The Chair, Cllr M Bowe, had to temporarily leave at the start of the meeting and Cllr M Cargill, as Vice Chair, took the Chair until Cllr M Bowe returned.

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr G & T Forman. Cllr M Hempell was absent without apology.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **3. Minutes of last Meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting were approved at Full Council.

### **4. Planning Applications**

- a) **Amendment 21/01642/FUL- Fernecumbe House Birmingham Road Kings Coughton B49 5QD.** Proposed: Demolition of existing dwelling to be replaced with one dwelling together with associated access alterations and works. *Amendment includes further plan showing site access width of 3.5m. For information only- a consultation response is not being sought.* For: Mr Gilmour. Case Officer: Amy Flute
- b) **21/02696/TREE- 32-34 Henley Street Alcester B49 5QY.** Proposed: -T1 ash - Fell. For: Mr A Deeks. **NO OBJECTION** in principle and will be guided by the Case Officer's recommendations.

### **5. Interim decisions by ATC**

- a) **21/02681/TPO- Jackson Place Fields Park Drive Alcester B49 6GR.** Proposed: -G7, limes - Reduce height and spread by 2-3 metres, thin canopy by 15-20%. For: Ms E Wiggins, McCarthy and Stone. **NO OBJECTION**

### **6. Notice of Decision by SDC**

- a) **21/02424/TREE- Alne House 2 Old Rectory Garden Alcester B49 5DB** Proposed: -L1 Lilac - Branch overhanging adjacent 3 Rectory Garden. Reduce by 4metres, back to boundary fence. For: Mr P Harris. **CONSENT WITH CONDITIONS**
- b) **21/02355/TREE- 3 Old Rectory Garden Alcester B49 5DB.** Proposed: -A1 apple - Dismantle and remove. -S1 un-identifiable stump 3metres 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 3metres to 2metres. Reduce spread from 4metres to 3metres. -H3 hazel - Dismantle and remove. -HO1 & HO2 holly - Dismantle and remove. For: Mr P Harris. **CONSENT WITH CONDITIONS**
- c) **21/01744/FUL- Chattan 62 Birmingham Road Alcester B49 5EG.** Proposed: Demolition of existing garage and utility room. Erection of two storey extension and retention/recladding of existing car port. For: Mr M Salmon. **PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS**

- d) **21/02411/TREE- 14 Henley Street Alcester B49 5QY.** Proposed: -T1 ash - Fell. - T2 hybrid cockspurthorn (noted as apple) - Fell. For: Mr R Davies. **CONSENT WITH CONDITIONS**

**7. Proposition to Full Council**

None.

- 8. Update- Warwickshire County Council, Sustainable Communities-** Survey- Bus Service Improvement. The public engagement exercise runs from 26 July 2021-19 September 2021. A collective response to the survey was drafted and submitted on 1 September 2021. Acknowledgement received.

- 9. Update- Welcome Packs-** Allimore Lane North. Twenty packs have been delivered to the Sales Office at Bloor Homes with another twenty to follow immediately. The following items have been included: Alcester Town Guide, Visit Alcester trifold, Alcester Directory, current Alcester Town Council newsletter, Totally Locally postcard, and leaflets from Alcester Churches Together, Town Hall, Rotary and the Civic Society. Stocks will be monitored and resupplied where necessary. It is anticipated that there will be 4-5 completions per month. Contributors have been informed. Interest has been expressed as to the origin of the road names on the northern parcel. Committee Clerk is in the process of compiling an information sheet giving background and context to the individuals who have been commemorated in this way.

- 10. Review** of response to planning application **21/02078/FUL Mill House**, Birmingham Road (by email meeting). Following correspondence with the Case Officer, the committee were asked to reconsider their response of support for this application. The Chair received comments from committee members by email meeting and the vote was split. Following further discussion this evening, it was agreed to sustain support for this application which is likely to come before SDC Planning Committee on 29 September. Cllrs did not feel that the Case Officer's arguments were robust. It was also felt that SDC are being inconsistent in their approach to applications in this area of the green belt. District Cllr M Cargill will attend the SDC Planning Committee meeting as Ward Member and Cllr C Neal-Sturgess will represent Alcester Town Council and both will speak in support. Both cllrs to liaise with the Chair, Cllr M Bowe in advance.

- 11. Response** to Stratford-on-Avon District Council- Planning Committee 15 September 2021 - **Notification 21/01065/FUL** Alcester Rugby Football Club. District Cllr M Cargill will attend as Ward Member and Cllr M Bowe will represent Alcester Town Council and speak in objection to this application.

**12. Correspondence**

Cllr M Bowe resumed the Chair and Cll M Cargill left the meeting to attend a Parish Council meeting elsewhere.

- a) Residents Eclipse Road- Concern over activities at Allimore Lane South development site. Concerns had been reported over groundworks which were forwarded to District Cllr M Cargill and Andrew Winstone, Bloor Homes Western. Bloor's to review notification practices in respect of significant future works. It is understood that there are also ongoing issues with contractors vehicles in the Eclipse Road/Jephcott Close area which District Cllr M Cargill is dealing with.
- b) SDC Licensing- Gambling Act 2005- Review of Statement of Gambling Policy Consultation- Closes 9 October 2021. Noted. It was observed that there were no changes to the Statement of Gambling Policy during the review.
- c) Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE): Stratford-on-Avon Draft recommendations - Parish warding arrangements for Alcester. Publication of proposed new electoral arrangements for Stratford-on-Avon District Council. This may involve changes to electoral arrangements for Alcester parish in terms of new ward boundaries. Public consultation is open from 31 August 2021 to 08 November 2021. It was agreed to bring this forward as an agenda item at the next meeting on 4 October, with a view to the response to the consultation being raised as a proposition to a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 2 November 2021.
- d) SDC- Supplement: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Update - Large Scale Locations. Whilst SDC have identified land west of Alcester as a Large Scale

Location (LS09- land west of the bypass and up to Cold Comfort Wood area) it is deemed to not be deliverable due to landscape sensitivity and access issues.

- e) RM- Enquiry as to why The Swan Hotel will be unable to sell food. Committee Clerk responded- planning condition.

**13. Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair**

SDC Planning Department has introduced a new procedure where Town and Parish Councils will be consulted when a discharge of condition application is submitted for stone samples/panels, allowing the Parish Council to make comment on the stone proposed. **DISCN/00597/21** *Related Application Reference: 14/02968/VARY-* Oversley Castle, Church Lane, Wixford, B49 6DH. For: Mr P Daniell. **NO OBJECTION** to use of proposed stone.

The Chair advised members that the frequency of Planning Committee meetings was under review. Planning application consultations are currently being monitored until December for date of issue and consultation expiry to see if there is a pattern with a view to reducing the number of meetings. Meetings may take the form of in person, Zoom or email.

**14.Exclusion of the Public**

None.

**15.Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 4 October 2021 at 7pm