



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2023
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

Councillors: Cllrs P. Scurfield (Chair); A. Booth (ex-officio), S. Schaathun (ex-officio), C. Gailey, M. Griffiths, P. Boyd, T. Haines, B. Kimberley and C. Kimberley

Officers: Jo Adams - Committee Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllrs T. Gailey and C. Smith

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest.

Cllr Boyd declared an interest item 4(3) as he knew the applicant.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 17 July 2023 had been circulated with the agenda. It was resolved that the minutes be adopted as a true record subject to the following amendment at item 4(h) Land at Highfield Road: to add that the council had additional objections due to the inadequate access for cars to the proposed housing site.

4. Planning Applications

a. 23/01120/FUL – South – Delegated

Mr Anthony Rayner
28 Sycamore Avenue

To apply for permission for an additional person to live at this dwelling. Currently it is a six person licensed HMO. We are seeking permission to update this to 7 persons.

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01120/FUL>

It was RESOLVED to recommend this application be refused – Members are of the opinion that the application is overcrowding of the dwelling and loss of living area for the existing tenants.

b. W/23/01339/HP – Bengeworth – Delegated

Mr James Cain
116 Kings Road

Retrospective Planning Permission required for built conservatory.

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01339/HP>

It was RESOLVED to recommend this application be approved.

c. W/23/00830/FUL – Twyford – Committee

Mr G Benjamin, Marilyns Sass Pool House Trustees
54 High Street

Proposed conversion to form 18 x 1 Bedroom apartments

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/00830/FUL>

It was RESOLVED to approve the application subject to adequate provision of safe electric charging points.

- d. 23/01204 – Twyford – Delegated
Mr Alexander Hulse, The Prince Henry's High School Academy Trust
Prince Henry's High School
Victoria Avenue

Construction of a synthetic turf pitch with perimeter fencing, pitch LED lighting, storage container, hard standing area and link

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01204/FUL>

It was RESOLVED that the application be approved subject to the lights being directional LED lights to minimise light pollution to neighbouring properties.

- e. W/23/01436/HP – South – Delegated
Mr & Mrs Pawel Golberg
101 Fairfield Road
Replacement porch

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01436/HP>

It was RESOLVED that this application be approved.

- f. W/23/01453/HP – South – Delegated
Mr James Costa-Alfaro
32 Durcott Road Retrospective; erection of garden shed to front of property.

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01453/HP>

It was RESOLVED that this application be refused on the following grounds: there was no information on how high the structure was, that it was situated at the front of the property, and that its intended use was commercial and not ancillary to the accommodation.

- g. 23/01405/FUL – Hampton – Delegated
Mr Richard Holloway
90 Pershore Road
Erection of new build dwelling

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01405/FUL>

It was RESOLVED that this application be approved.

5. Planning Decisions

Planning No:	Applicant:	Address:	Brief Description	ETC:	WDC:
22/00931	Mr A Dyke	6 Blackberry Way	2 heat pumps	Approve	Approve
22/02674	Mr & Mrs Berney	19 Cowl St	Alterations and repair work to front elevation	Approve	Approve
23/00479	Mr Ryan Thomas	Land At (OS 0452 4377) Lime Street	Erection of 3 two bed dwellings	Approve	Refuse
23/00772	Mr. N. Manser	1 Brick Kiln Street	Change of use from offices to create 3 residential flats with first floor rear extension.	Approve	Approve
23/00901	Mr David Baker	23 Blossomfield Close	Flat roof extension	Approve	Approve
23/00901	Mr Ivaylo Ivanov	46 Hazel Ave	Extension and conversion of garage	Approve	Approve
23/01040	Mr Cassell	41 Columbine Grove	Extension	Approve	Approve

The report was **NOTED**.

6. Bus Shelter Cleaning

The Clerk had circulated a report with the agenda regarding the condition of the bus shelters. It was noted that the bus shelters had not been cleaned since well before the pandemic and that complaints had been received from local residents. A quote had been received to clean the bus shelters with an initial deep clean and then quarterly thereafter. Following discussion it was decided that members agree to the one-off deep clean and further cleaning half-yearly rather than quarterly. It was also noted that the bus timetables were out of date or missing and it was resolved to ask Worcestershire County Council to update them.

Clerk's note: Bus timetables are the responsibility of the bus companies and not Worcestershire County Council

7. War Memorial

The Clerk had circulated a report on the condition of the War Memorial in Abbey Park. It had been noted that the memorial needed a deep clean and some restoration work. Following discussion it was resolved to ask Just Memorials (Evesham) to clean the War Memorial in time for the Remembrance Day service and that any restoration work be re-visited next year.

8. Letters to Heaven

The Clerk had circulated a report introducing "Letters to Heaven" post boxes. It had become increasingly popular around the country for a white post box to be placed in a cemetery. The purpose of this was that relatives of loved ones buried in the cemetery could write to them in heaven and post the letter into the post box. The post box would be emptied regularly and turned into pulp mixed with wildflower seeds to be scattered around the cemetery. It was resolved to go ahead with purchasing and installing a post box at Waterside with the option of installing one at Hampton and Bengeworth at a later date.

9. Street Naming – New Development on Land off Offenham Road

Wychavon District Council on behalf of Kendrick Homes had written to Evesham Town Council for suggestions for a street name on a development off Offenham Road. The developer had suggested Maypole Place. Following discussion it was resolved to defer the street naming until the next Planning and Estates Meeting on 29th August.

10. Gates at the entrance of All Saints Church

Place Board Partnership had written to the council advising that they have secured funding of £2497 to put towards repair of the gate posts at the entrance of All Saints.

The stone gate posts had deteriorated over many years and were now in need of repair.

Quotes were obtained by 3 companies and it was resolved to restore the gate posts, with Stonemasons of Worcester chosen to undertake the works.

Cllr P. Boyd abstained from the vote.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Cllr Peter Scurfield
Chairman