



Broseley Town Council

Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting
held at 7 pm on Thursday 27 August 2020
by Zoom video

Present:

Cllr. Phil Revell (Chairman), Cllr. Mark Garbett, Cllr Tarlochen Singh-Mohr, Cllr. Michael Burton, Cllr. Simon Harris, Cllr. Roy Childs, and Ann Maltby.

In Attendance:

Vanessa Voysey, Assistant Town Clerk
Cllr Colette McCabe
4 members of the public

247. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the filming and recording notice.

Cllr Michael Burton left the meeting to move location.

248. Public Participation

A member the public drew attention to plan 17/01239/FUL. This plan was approved by the Committee in April 2017 prior to the election and new Council membership. There had been numerous objections from members of the public to the plans. Subsequently, the works had begun and had caused damage to properties, roads, and jitties. The site is now being sold, and there is the potential for fresh applications for housing. There are stability issues in Broseley Wood.

The member of the public and requested that a site visit with Committee members be considered. The Chairman, Cllr Phil Revell, said that this was something that the Committee would be able to agree to and that he would follow up. Cllr Simon Harris said that he agreed that this was a good idea but he would not be able to participate as he is a member of Shropshire Council's Southern Planning Committee.

249. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies received.

Cllr Michael Burton and Cllr Roy Childs joined the meeting.

250. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest,

whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

The following interests were declared:

COUNCILLOR	INTEREST
Simon Harris	Personal Interest in Item 13c: Cllr Simon Harris said that he would not take part in anything to do with Ironbridge Power Station, as he had a conflicting interest as a member of Shropshire Council and STAR housing.
Ann Maltby	Personal Interest in Item 13c: Cllr Ann Maltby declared a bias in the Ironbridge Power Station development as a member of STAR Housing.

251. Dispensations

None at this time

252. Minutes

Members considered for approval the minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held on 30 July 2020.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to approve the minutes (all in favour)

The Chairman commented that:

- The Landowner said that issues to do with Cobwell Road and Balls Lane will be dealt with in the near future.
- Overhanging Trees on footpath between Brandywell Road/ Ironbridge Road - this is being dealt with by the Council.
- Dumping in the Jackfield site; this was reported to Shropshire Council and the Environment Agency shortly after the meeting. EA were on site within 24 hours.

253. Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

20/03027/FUL10 Whitmore Close, Broseley, Shropshire, TF12	Erection of single storey rear extension and demolition of detached garage It was proposed, seconded and resolved to support the application
20/02928/FUL Proposed Conversion Of Former Pumping Station , Speed's Lane, Broseley, Shropshire,	conversion of a former pumping station to a dwelling to be used as a holiday let with the condition that there is sufficient parking on site to allow a vehicle to turn around and not reverse onto the road, as requested by SC officers in their response to a previous application for the same property. It was proposed, seconded and resolved to support the application

b) Planning Decisions

Members noted that the following application had been granted

20/02526/FUL Raddle Hall, 22 Church Street, Broseley, Shropshire, TF12 5BX	Erection of single storey rear extension GRANTED
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c) Applications for Works to Trees

Members considered for approval a response to the following tree works:

20/03152/TCA Chestnut Cottage, Hockley Road, Broseley, Shropshire, TF12 5HT	Fell 1no Elm, pollard to previous pruning points 2no Sycamore and pollard by approx. 35% 1no Horse Chestnut within Broseley Conservation Area It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to request a deferral of the plan to fell an elm tree and prune two sycamores in the Conservation Area until it was accompanied by a report from a tree officer or arboriculturist that recommends the work.
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d) Decisions on Tree Works

There were none at this time.

254. Highways

Residents have raised concerns about the speed bumps in town and have asked if a Zebra crossing might be a more effective safety measure. Cllr Simon Harris said he would take up the issue with a Shropshire Council Highways Officer and report back to the committee.

255. Footpaths

Creation of a priorities list of footpaths is in progress. Cllr Phil Revell, in the Chair, said he had been in conversation with ramblers about it. The list might take some time, but will not preclude work on footpaths in the meantime.

256. Traffic Calming at Cockshutt Lane

Cllr Simon Harris has discussed options with Shropshire Council officers. There is a drive to make roads by schools 20mp limit across the county.

It was proposed, second, and resolved to write to Steve Davenport, the Shropshire Council Portfolio Holder for Highways, to support the 20mph speed limit outside schools.

It was requested that the Assistant Clerk drafts a letter to the above affect, identifying that the Council is responding to resident's concerns.

257. Consultation

a) Housing Strategy

The documentation for the Shropshire Council consultation on its housing strategy was sent in advance of the meeting to all committee members.

Cllr Phil Revell, in the Chair, said that Shropshire Council's priority for housing emphasised affordable housing and mitigating the impact on communities. He said that there should be a comment about the need to reduce the shortfall in social housing. This is an issue in the local area as well as the need for greater provision of affordable housing. The document was not strong enough on climate change impact.

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed to send in the response drafted by the Chairman, Cllr Phil Revell, all were in favour. Cllr Simon Harris abstained from voting.

b) Planning for the Future

Planning for the Future is an 80-page document produced by central government. With deadline considerations, Cllr Phil Revell, the Chairman, had drafted a response for the consideration of the Committee that he sent in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Mark Garbett said that under item 15 there should be a comment about land managed by a company. Restrictions should be taken out to make it a fairer system. He commented that residents pay the same in Council tax as other residents yet are obliged to pay extras for services such as street lighting under the current system.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to draft a response in line with the Chairman's suggested draft response, and to include sentences drafted by Cllr Mark Garbett that reflected his comments.

c) Ironbridge Power Station

Cllr Simon Harris withdrew from the meeting during this discussion. Both he and Cllr Ann Maltby had declared a bias in this item at the beginning of the meeting.

In the last seven days, subsequent to the publication of the agenda, 60 documents have been published about Ironbridge Power Station. It was agreed that this would be discussed as an item.

Cllr Phil Revell commented that no boundaries are shared with the proposed development, and the impact on the road network will be minimal to Broseley. The latest documents proposed three phrases to the development with approx. 400 houses to be built in the first phase. A school building will not be built until the third phase in 2026. This will put pressure on schools and GP surgeries in the local area.

Cllr Phil Revell, in the Chair, suggested a response that expressed concern about the phasing, and that the Town Council thinks it is essential schools and a surgery are available in phase 1.

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed to send this response.

Cllr Simon Harris returned to the meeting.

258. Yellow Lines in Broseley

Cllr Phil Revell, in the Chair, said that maps had been produced plotting the suggestions for double yellow lines in Broseley. There was some discussion about the suggestions, with mention of parking issues causing problems for road safety, access to properties, and clear bus routes. It's acknowledged that yellow lines are not a panacea due to the lack of enforcement.

The following concerns have been raised by residents: -

- Barratts Hill – there have been complaints about the difficulty of residents being able to use their drive ways, and also road users being obliged to drive on the wrong side of the road.
- Quarry Road – here have been two recent occasions where ambulances have been unable to access the road because of cars causing blockages. Cllr Simon Harris commented that a sign saying this is not a route to Ironbridge might be worth considering for Sat Nav users.
- Woodland Crescent – Shropshire Council has previously put 'keep clear' signs in this area after residents raised concerns. Concerns still exist due to the narrow roads, parking during events at the Cricket Club, and emergency access.
- Fox Lane/Duke Street – residents and emergency services have had access issues
- Hockley Road – emergency access issues have been caused by cars being parked by the Duke of York

Cllr Phil Revell, in the Chair, suggested bringing this item back to the next meeting and to decide if and how a public consultation on it could be delivered. **This was agreed.**

259. Neighbourhood Development Plan for Broseley

Cllr Phil Revell, in the Chair, updated the committee on progress with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The next step is to get confirmation from Shropshire Council that the plan can move to stage 14, consultation with statutory bodies (this would include other local councils).

260. Enforcement notices

There were no enforcement notices at this time and therefore the session did not move into confidential.

261. Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting will be held on 24th September 2020.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman