

BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
1ST FEBRUARY 2010 AT 6.15 PM IN THE GUILDHALL BEWDLEY**

PRESENT

Councillor Dr J Adams (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs L Edginton
Councillor Mr J Foulkes
Councillor Mr P Gittins
Councillor Mrs J Keen
Councillor Mr D Killingworth
Councillor Mr J Phillips
Councillor Mrs B Stallwood

In attendance: Mr S. Inman (Town Clerk) and four members of the public

5567 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bulmer, Davies and Mace.

5568 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Killingworth declared a personal interest in applications 09/0876/FULL and 09/0877/LIST and 0/0879/FULL and 09/0880/LIST in that he had spoken with the respective applicants and provided procedural advice as to the applications but in neither instance had he made any comments or expressed any view as to their respective planning merits.

5569 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5570 Trees at Station Road – Planning Applications to Fell/Repollard and to Fell two Horse Chestnuts and three Limes

The two applications listed below were submitted again to the Committee for further consideration in the light of the Arboricultural Officer's Report that had not been received in time for the previous meeting when both had been recommended for refusal (minute nos 5560 and 5561 refer).

The Arboricultural Officer was recommending approval to 09/0862/TREE subject to replacement trees being provided and refusal to 09/0863/TREE.

The Council's Tree Wardens had confirmed that they would agree to amend their original recommendations similarly to that of approval and refusal respectively

09/0862/TREE Fell Horse Chestnut T1 & T4.
Repollard Limes T2 T3 & T5
Land off Station Road
Mr Tim Fell

It was agreed to recommend **approval** subject to two replacement trees being provided in place of those felled

09/0863/TREE Fell all trees T1 to T5
Land off Station Road
Mr T Fell – The Dennis Fell Companies

It was agreed to recommend **refusal** for the same reason as before principally that to fell the trees would cause serious harm to the amenity of the area.

5571 09/0876/FULL Canopy to front elevation, change of use to second floor
from flat to kitchen and office
Arches
1 Severnside South
Mr A Preece

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

5572 09/0877/LIST Canopy blind to front elevation, internal modification to
ground, first and second floor to include demolition of
walls
Arches
1 Severnside South
Mr A Preece

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

5573 09/0879/FULL Installation of 3 no Velux roof lights and
reconfiguration of fire escape
The Bailiffs House
68 High Street
Full House Catering Ltd - Mr I Rogers

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

5574 09/0880/LIST Internal alterations and refurbishment, installation of 3 no Velux roof lights, replacement doors and new external fencing
The Bailiffs House
68 High Street
Full House Catering Ltd - Mr I Rogers

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

5575 10/0005/LIST Internal alterations and external refurbishment to existing building
28 Load Street
Mr M Dalley

It was agreed to recommend **approval** subject to no objection being raised by the Conservation Officer

5576 10/0008/TCA Fell Cypress hedge
Park House
15 Park Lane
Mrs Sally Rumney

It was agreed to make **no objection**

5577 10/0009/TCA Reduce Willow by up to 40%
St Annes House
Lower Park
Mrs Cornelius

It was agreed to make **no objection**

5578 10/0011/TCA Prune a Prunus
The Stables
Lower Park
Mrs Hoare

It was agreed to make **no objection**

5579 10/0028/FULL Construction of raised decking
Greensleeves
Hop Pole Lane
Mr Dale Parmenter

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

5580 Planning (Development Control) Committee WFDC

It was agreed that Councillor Dr Adams need no longer attend the meeting to be held on 9th February to make representations on application nos 09/0862/TREE and 09/0863/TREE given the revised decision to accept the Arboricultural Officer's own recommendations.

It was agreed that no representations needed to be made to the meeting to be held on 9th March given none of the applications now dealt with were being recommended for refusal.

5581 Wyre Forest District Council – Local Development Framework – Core Strategy

The District Council's Core Strategy was due to be subjected to an Independent Examination in April 2010 but beforehand to accord with the planning regulations, the District Council had to demonstrate that the document had fulfilled various tests of "soundness". The District Council believed that test had been passed but it was incumbent on them to invite consultees such as the Town Council to put forward any reasons why that might not be the case.

It was agreed that no further representations should be made and that the District Council be advised accordingly.

5582 Planning Decisions Update

This was noted

5583 Presentation by Arboricultural Officer

The District Council's Arboricultural Officer had offered to give a presentation to the Committee as to his work including the various statutory and other considerations he was obliged to take into account when making recommendations either to approve or refuse applications to fell, lop, crown or prune trees and hedges either within or outside the Conservation Area.

It was agreed the Arboricultural Officer should be invited to attend on 1st March at 6.00pm prior to the next meeting of the Planning Committee or if that was not convenient to the next Planning Committee meeting thereafter.

The meeting closed at 6.58pm

Signed.....
1st March 2010

Public Period

Mr Columb Howell of 63 High Street addressed the Committee as to what he felt was an inaccurate statement that had appeared in the Town Council News page of February's edition of the Bridge Magazine. It had reported the discussion that had taken place at the Planning Committee on 4th January when considering the draft Appraisal of the Ribbesford Conservation Area produced by the District Council. There had been a reference to Ribbesford House being the subject of neglect. As owner of the property he denied this was the case indicating that he was currently carrying out various works and that English Heritage were aware of the problems.

Mr Alan Preece, proprietor of Arches at 1 Severnside South spoke in favour of the two applications that were tabled for consideration 09/0876/FULL and 09/0877/LIST at that property and answered questions particularly as to the canopy and the paint colour being used.