

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 2017, AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors R. J. Deeming (Chairman), P.L. Thomas (Vice-Chairman), C. Allen-Jones, M. T. Buxton, C.A. Hotham, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, M. A. Sherrey, C. J. Spencer and L. J. Turner (substituting for Councillor S. J. Baxter)

Officers: Mr. D. M. Birch, Mr. G. Boyes, Ms. C. Flanagan, Mr. D. Kelly, Mrs. T. Lovejoy, Mrs. P. Ross and Mrs. J. Smyth

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors S. J. Baxter and P. J. Whittaker. Councillor L. J. Turner was confirmed as Councillor Baxter's substitute for the meeting.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M. T. Buxton declared an Other Disclosable Interest in respect of Agenda Item 6 (Application 2017/00950/FUL – The Greyhound (ph), 30 Rock Hill, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 7LR), due to her previous involvement with Whitford Vale Voice. She advised that, in view of this, she would withdraw from the meeting for the item.

Councillor M. T. Buxton withdrew from the meeting and was not present during the public speaking process nor the Committee's debate and voting on the matter.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2nd October 2017 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (11) 2017 - TREES ON LAND ADJACENT TO 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN, BLACKWELL

Officers provided additional information in relation to the consideration of Tree Preservation Order (No11) 2017, as detailed in the published Update Report 2.

Due to the late arrival of a significant amount of additional information, the Committee agreed for this matter to be deferred until the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

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2017/00950/FUL - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING 2 STOREY BUILDING, THE GREYHOUND (PH), 30 ROCK HILL, BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE, B61 7LR - GREYHOUND INN DEVELOPMENTS LTD

Officers reported on an additional representation that had been received from Whitford Vale Voice, as detailed in the published Update Report 1, copies of which were provided to Committee Members and the public gallery prior to the commencement of the meeting.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Roy Dixon, on behalf of Whitford Vale Voice, addressed the Committee objecting to the Application. Councillor L. C. R. Mallett, in whose Ward, the application site was, addressed the Committee and Mr. David Morris, for the Applicants also addressed the Committee.

The Committee then considered the Application, which Officers had recommended for approval. Having considered all of the information, including the public speaking representations, Members were concerned that the proposed demolition could have a detrimental impact on the local area should the building be demolished. Whilst the building was not currently listed as a local heritage asset, Members considered that there was the potential for the building to become one and be of benefit to the people of Bromsgrove. Members also considered that there was insufficient evidence to outweigh the potential for alternative uses for the site should the Whitford Road planning application not go ahead.

RESOLVED that Planning Permission be refused for the following reason, the building is a non-designated heritage asset and there are no public benefits that would outweigh the loss of the building. The demolition of the building was therefore contrary to Policy BDP1 and BDP20 of the Bromsgrove District Plan and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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2017/00968/FUL - ERECTION OF 12 STABLE BLOCKS (TOTAL) 34 LOOSE BOXES), 12 SHEDS, 4 STORAGE CONTAINERS, 1 POLE MOUNTED FLOODLIGHT AND CCTV CAMERA, ANCILLARY OFFICE AND MANEGE - NEWHOUSE FARM, LEA END LANE, HOPWOOD, BIRMINGHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE, B48 7AX - MR PHILIP MICHELL

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. P. Michell, the Applicant addressed the Committee.

RESOLVED that Planning Permission be refused for the reasons as detailed on page 143 of the main agenda report.

The meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

Chairman