

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

9TH JANUARY 2017 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors R. J. Deeming (Chairman), P.L. Thomas (Vice-Chairman), S. J. Baxter, M. Glass (Substitute), C.A. Hotham, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, R. D. Smith (Substitute), C. J. Spencer and P. J. Whittaker

Officers: Mr. D. M. Birch, Mr. G. Boyes, Mr. A. Bucklitch, Miss C. Gilbert, Mrs. T. Lovejoy and Mrs. J. Smyth

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors M.T. Buxton, K.J. May and C. Allen-Jones. Councillors M.A. Glass and R.D. Smith were confirmed as substitutes for Councillor May and Councillor Allen-Smith respectively for the meeting.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S.J. Baxter declared an Other Disclosable Interest in Agenda Item 7 – Planning Application 2016/1163 – Mereside Farm Childrens Nursery, Mereside, Peterbrook Road, Majors Green, B90 1HZ – in that she is Chairman of Wythall Parish Council, who had been consulted on the application. Having advised that she had had no involvement in any Parish Council discussions on the application, Councillor Baxter remained and participated and voted on the matter.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 5th December 2016 were received.

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

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (NO. 12) 2016 - TREES ON LAND AT CHELWORTH ROAD (AND ADJOINING CLOSES/ROADS), WALKERS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B38

The Committee considered a report which detailed proposals to confirm, without modification, Tree Preservation Order (No.12) 2016, relating to trees on land at Chelworth Road (and adjoining closes/roads), Walkers Heath, Birmingham B38.

Officers provided clarification on matters raised in regard to the management of trees the subject of Tree Preservation Orders.

RESOLVED that Tree Preservation Order (No.12) 2016 relating to trees on land at Chelworth Road (and adjoining roads / closes), Walkers Heath, Birmingham B38, be confirmed without modification, as detailed in the Provisional Order (Appendix 5) and the Provisional Order Plan (Appendix 6) to the report.

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (NO.13) 2016 - TREES ON LAND ADJACENT TO 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN, BLACKWELL

The Committee considered a report which detailed proposals to confirm, with modification, Tree Preservation Order (No.13) 2016, relating to trees and woodland on land adjacent to 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell.

Officers reported on additional representations that had been received from the two objectors to the Tree Preservation Order and Officer responses, as detailed in the published Update Report, copies of which were provided to Committee Members and the public gallery prior to commencement of the meeting.

RESOLVED that Tree Preservation Order (No.13) 2016 relating to trees and woodland on land adjacent to 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell, be confirmed with modifications, as detailed in the Revised Tree Preservation Order (Appendix I) and the Revised Tree Preservation Order Plan (Appendix J) to the report.

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2016/1163 - PROPOSED EXTENSIONS TO NURSERY AND VARIATION OF CONDITION 1 OF PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED UNDER APPLICATION 2014/0993 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO CAN ATTEND THE NURSERY AT ANY ONE TIME TO 81 - MERESIDE FARM CHILDRENS NURSERY, MERESIDE, PETERBROOK ROAD, MAJORS GREEN, B90 1HZ - MR A LOWE

Officers reported on comments received from Worcestershire Regulatory Services and Worcestershire Highways Authority, as detailed in the

published Update Report, copies of which were provided to Committee Members and the public gallery prior to commencement of the meeting.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. A. Lowe, the Applicant addressed the Committee. Councillor L. J. Turner, in whose Ward, the application site was located, also addressed the Committee.

The Committee then considered the Application, which had been recommended for refusal by Officers. Having considered all of the information provided in relation to the amended plans, and having noted the late representations from Worcestershire Regulatory Services and the Highways Authority in relation to noise and highway matters, Members, were of the view that, the need for childcare, the introduction of the Childcare Bill and new provisions for providing additional childcare facilities, provided for very special circumstances that outweighed any detriment to the openness of the green belt. Members were also of the view that the proposal would not be detrimental to the amenities of the adjoining residential property in terms of noise disturbance.

The Committee was therefore minded to grant Planning Permission, subject to standard conditions, to include timescale for permission, materials to be used and approved plans.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted, subject to Conditions relating to:

- 1) Time Limit
- 2) Compliance with approved plans
- 3) External materials

and any other Conditions appropriate to the development by Officers.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Chairman