

NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 15th December 2021 in the Main Hall at Northway Community Hub, Northway, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr P Godwin (Chairman) Cllr G Shelton (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr C Blackmore Cllr J Roberts
 Cllr S Terry Cllr T Treacy
 Cllr S Ward

In Attendance: Cllr E MacTiernan
 Mrs L Stewart (Clerk's Assistant)
 Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council

P/66/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mackenzie and Barnes had tendered their apologies, no further apologies for absence were received

P/67/21 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest, as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 11th July 2012 (Min Ref C/159/12), including paragraph 12(2), were made.

P/68/21 Minutes of the Previous Minutes

Cllr Ward PROPOSED that the Minutes from the meeting that took place on 17th November 2021 should be approved as a true and accurate record. Cllr Blackmore SECONDED.

FOR: Cllr Ward Cllr Blackmore
 Cllr Godwin Cllr Roberts
 Cllr Treacy

ABSTENSIONS: Cllr Shelton Cllr Terry

P/69/21 Matters arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

P/70/21 Planning Applications

i. Domestic Planning Applications

New Planning Applications

21/01348/OUT – Land to the North West of Fiddington

Outline application for residential development (up to 460 dwellings) a primary school, associated works, ancillary facilities and infrastructure, open space,

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P/70/21 **Planning Applications** (Continued)

i. **Domestic Planning Applications**

recreation facilities and landscaping. Vehicular access from the A46 (T) and Fiddington Lane.

The Council noted that this application did not differ much from the previous one submitted in July and Cllr Ward PROPOSED that a similar response was made stating that Northway Parish Council wished to object to this application on the grounds that work had not progressed to improve congestion on the A46, which was already at capacity. This site, along with the 850 new homes already approved, would gridlock the local road network. Furthermore, the site was situated close to the Tirlbrook which regularly flooded during times of substantial rainfall and, even if it did not cause flooding issues on this site, it would raise water levels in Ashchurch, Tewkesbury and Northway. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

Amended Planning Applications *(Original details are in Italics)*

None received.

Decision Notices

None received.

ii. **Industrial Planning Applications**

New Planning Applications

Amended Planning Applications *(Original details are in Italics)*

None received.

Decision Notices

None received

P/71/21 **Tewkesbury Borough Council - Planning Scheme of Delegation**

Following proposals made by Tewkesbury Borough Councils 'in relation to objections from Town and Parish Council being automatically referred to Committee be removed', Members considered whether the Planning Committee should raise concerns with the Borough Council regarding their lack of information and consultation that would allow Parish and Town Councils the opportunity to discuss this matter within their councils.

The Clerk clarified what this meant to Members in that if the Council wished to object to an application, currently this would mean a referral to the Planning Committee for a decision, but this proposal removed that automatic option.

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P/71/21 Tewkesbury Borough Council - Planning Scheme of Delegation

Cllr MacTiernan had reported on this at Full Council on 8th December 2021 stating that the decision had been deferred to allow an opportunity for Tewkesbury Borough Council to inform Parish and Town Councils of its proposals. It had also been raised that the Parish Council could still ask their Borough Councillors to take an objection to the Planning Committee (as long as it was valid).

It was agreed to send an email to Tewkesbury Borough Council asking for more information relating to this proposal and an explanation of when they would make a determination on it. Furthermore, what would they be doing to engage with Parish Councils prior to this happening.

P/65/21 Correspondence received after 11th November 2021

1. **Gloucestershire County Council** - The Clerk reported that, although not relating to the Planning Committee, she had received an email from Craig Freeman, Gloucestershire County Council advising that they would have a team in Northway for the week of the 24th January 2022, and was requesting jobs for consideration i.e. washing signs, verge marker posts, minor hedge cutting/trimming, strimming, shovel weed removal and grass overgrown on paths. He also added that he would appreciate photos with the details of what is required. Members agreed to look out and report to the Clerk.

Cllr Ward enquired whether there had been any further update regarding the Elm Road property that has still not got a dropped kerb but was driving over a disabled section of pathway to park on their property. The Clerk said she would chase this up.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded at 7.10 p.m.