NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 17^{th} May 2023 in the Ray Shill Room at Northway Community Hub, Northway, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr G Shelton (Chairman) Cllr M Barnes

Cllr J Beadle Cllr C Blackmore
Cllr E Phennah (ex-officio) Cllr J Roberts

In Attendance: Mrs L Stewart, Clerk's Assistant

Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council

P/26/22 <u>Election of Committee Chairman for the Municipal Year</u>

It was noted that, although she was not present, Cllr Godwin had indicated that she would be happy to be elected as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee. Cllr Shelton also expressed an interest in being Chairman of the Committee.

Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that Cllr Shelton be elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Municipal Year. Cllr Phennah SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

P/27/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mackenzie, Terry, MacTiernan and Godwin had tendered their apologies. No further apologies were received.

P/28/22 <u>Election of Committee Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year</u>

Cllr Blackmore PROPOSED that Cllr Godwin should be elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee. Cllr Beadle SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

P/29/23 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

No declarations of interest, as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 12th April 2023 (Min Ref C/85/23) were made.

P/30/23 Minutes of the Previous Minutes

Cllr Blackmore PROPOSED that the Minutes from the meeting that took place on 19th April 2023 should be approved as a true and accurate record. Cllr Beadle SECONDED.

FOR: Cllr Blackmore Cllr Beadle

Cllr Barnes Cllr Shelton

ABSTENSIONS: Cllr Phennah Cllr Roberts

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P/31/23 Matters arising from Previous Minutes

No matters arising.

P/32/23 Planning Applications

i. Domestic Planning Applications

New Planning Applications

None received.

Amended Planning Applications (Original details are in Italics)

None received.

Decision Notices

None received.

ii. Industrial Planning Applications

New Planning Applications

23/00417/PDSOL - Babcock Innovation Centre, Alexandra Way.

Prior Approval for the installation of solar panels.

Members discussed this application and believed that the Council should be supportive of applications that helped the environment. Cllr Barnes PROPOSED approval. Cllr Beadle SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

23/00545/PRE - Northway Community Hub & Parish Office, Lee Walk

Insultated garden office for the purpose of providing a food pantry to the residents of Northway. This will not be run as a business but a group of volunteers seeking to help those in financial crisis.

This application related to a pre-planning application made by Northway Parish Council and had been validated with a response time of no more than four weeks. It would then require a further planning application which could take a further 6-8 weeks. Cllr MacTiernan had, on behalf of the Council, contacted the Planning Officer about the application and she was of the opinion, as was the Planning Officer, that this structure

would fall within permitted development rights (although this had yet to be formally confirmed). Also, the Clerk had been copied in on an email from the Planning Compliance Officer who said that 'as long as the building adheres to the size restrictions it should be acceptable and not require planning permission'.

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P/32/23 Planning Applications (Continued)

ii. Industrial Planning Applications

Cllr Blackmore declared an interest (due to being the lead on a Northway Food Bank).

A site visit had taken place that day with Cllrs Blackmore, MacTiernan, the Clerk and a representative from Johnstons to look at its proposed siting. If the building was ordered now it should arrive at the end of August, but any delays would seriously impact starting up a Food Pantry to assist in the current cost of living crisis. The Clerk said the Council would have to consider the risks associated in installing the structure without a formal decision by Tewkesbury Borough Council and that she could not recommend this course of action.

As funds were already set aside, Members discussed need against risks of progressing without formal permission and this was debated. Cllr Roberts PROPOSED the purchase of the building was progressed. Cllr Beadle SECONDED.

FOR: Cllr Roberts Cllr Beadle

Cllr Barnes Cllr Phennah

Cllr Shelton

ABSTENSIONS: Cllr Blackmore

P/31/23 Correspondence received after 11th May 2023

The Clerk tabled a pamphlet that had been received regarding a development of 30 houses in Fiddington.

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