



SHIFNAL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 9th June 2022, commencing at 2.30pm
At Shifnal Community Hub, Tudor Way, Shifnal, TF11 8DJ.**

Present: Councillors: T. Tarran (Chair), K Booker, P. Williamson

In attendance: D. Reynolds (Town Clerk), Cllr J. Moore
Cllr K Turley (Shropshire Council)
One member of the public

**P036/22 Presentation from Tracy Darke (Asst Director for Economy and Place)
and Steve Smith (Assistant Director for Infrastructure)**

Tracy Darke attended in person to the meeting and Steve Smith attended via online format.

Both gave an insight into the progress being made by Shropshire Council with the legacy backlog of cases in planning enforcement, planning and economic policy document updates and infrastructure delivery.

New staff are being recruited and trained and delivery structures are being altered with an aim to be able to communicate with clarity to stakeholders and public about the realistic timescales for delivery of long awaited outcomes.

The aim is to prioritise the projects that are urgent or have most impact on the local area.

The officers noted the concerns raised regarding the delivery of infrastructure projects around the new Houghton Road development and other S106 funded schemes in the town. They both agreed to take away the members comments, investigate and feedback with realistic delivery aims as soon as possible to the Town Clerk.

Steve Smith left the meeting at 15.09 hrs

Tracy Darke continued to update on the developments in IT systems to allow increased access and information to parish council on planning enforcement matters. She advised members that refusal of a retrospective planning application may not lead to enforcement due to complex planning regulations.

She further updated on the specific powers being utilised in regards to 22 Market Place. A copy of enforcement notices to be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

The Chairman thanked both Tracy Darke and Steve Smith for their attendance and look forward to receiving updates and actions in due course.

Tracy Darke and Cllr John Moore left the meeting at 15.27 hrs.

P037/22 Public Session

A member of the public expressed concern over the xmas lights infrastructure issues. The Chairman advised that this really was not a matter for the Planning Committee but allowed Cllr P Williamson to update on the latest actions.

P038/22 Apologies received from Councillors

Cllr B Haddon – Work Commitments
Cllr D Marriott – Personal

Apologies were APPROVED

Cllr K Booker gave apologies in advance for the next planning committee meeting in July due to annual leave.

P039/22 Declaration of Members' Interest

To receive declarations about any items under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and Shifnal Town Council Code of Conduct. Declarations may be of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary nature.

Pecuniary - None
Non-pecuniary - None

P040/22 To CONFIRM the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th May 2022 with Chairman signature

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2022 were APPROVED and signed by Cllr Tarran.

P041/22 To consider verbal update on the Shropshire Local Plan review.

It was NOTED that Bruton Knowles had prepared and submitted the hearing statements required on behalf of the Council.
It was further NOTED that a provisional attendance list had been added to the review website. The hearing statements are due to be added within the week.
The stage 1 hearing programme starts on 4th July 2022 with the stage 2 dates to be confirmed.

P042/22 To consider a verbal update on the Empty Homes situation in Shifnal.

Members agreed to await the copies of the relevant notice from Tracy Darke before any further actions were discussed.

P043/22 To CONSIDER verbal update on the Place Plan

The Town Clerk updated that a further meeting was to be held with the Place Plan officer in regards to other council matters and would press for updates on the Place Plan review.

P044/22 To CONSIDER verbal update on outstanding highways works on Houghton Road/Lane and S106 funded schemes

Members agreed to await information and actions from Steve Smith before any further actions were discussed.

P045/22 To CONSIDER the Planning Applications received for the Town to 1st June 2022.

Following consideration of an updated applications report received to 9th June 2022 the comments were AGREED (see updated report attached as appendix)

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- a) To CONSIDER the Planning Applications received for the Town to 9th June 2022.

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P046/22 To review and update outstanding actions from previous committee meetings (attached)

Members considered the one outstanding action on the report and agreed the following responses;

- a) Note to be added – PW still pursuing.
- b) Due date revised to 5th July 2022
- c) Due Date revised to 5th July 2022 – Town Clerk to check for updates.

P047/22 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To resolve that "pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 s100A and Schedule 12A, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information and in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting".

APPROVED

P458/21 Planning Matters to be considered

- i) To NOTE planning enforcement matters

NOTED

Meeting closed at 15.56hrs