

Planning Forum

Monday 22 September 2008

Friday, 12 September 2008

A meeting of the Planning Forum will be held in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Monday 22 September 2008, at 7.00 pm.

Membership:

Councillor J T Barrott	Councillor G R Illingworth
Councillor A Boad	Councillor B Kirton
Councillor Mrs F G Bunker	Councillor E B MacKay
Councillor P Dhillon	Councillor C A I Sawdon
Councillor B S Gill	Councillor S E Tyrrell
Councillor G B Guest	Councillor C White

Representatives of Organisations:

A representative from All Parish & Town Councils, within Warwick District
CLARA (DR T Forward)
Coten End & Emscote Residents Association (Mr N Pitchford)
Coten End Residents Association (Mr P Cusdin)
CPRE Warwickshire
Cycleways
Kenilworth Chamber of Trade (Ms S Powell)
Kenilworth History and Archaeological Society (Mr N Stevens)
Kenilworth Society (Mrs J Illingworth)
Leamington Chamber of Trade (Mr B Wall)
Leamington Society (Mr P Edwards)
Myton Road Residents Association (Mr P J Bratt)
Ramblers Association (Mr S Wallsgrove)
Royal Town Planning Institute (Mr M Sullivan)
Residents of Central Kenilworth (ROCK) (Mr A Garsed)
Sydenham Residents Association (Mr Key)
Warwick Chamber of Trade
Warwick Gates Residents Association (Mrs A Mellor)
Warwick Society (Mr R Higgins)
Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils (Councillor A Moore)
Warwickshire County Council, Mr J Deegan from PT&ES,
Whitnash Society (Mrs J Field)

Emergency Procedure

At the commencement of the meeting the Committee Services Officer will announce the emergency procedure for the Town Hall.

Declarations of Interest

Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet and declared at item 4 below. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. In the event of an interest being prejudicial, members are reminded that they must withdraw from the room or chamber whenever it becomes apparent that the matter is being considered, unless a dispensation has been obtained from Standards Committee. **If members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.**

Agenda

1. Substitutes

To receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, notice of which has been given to the Chief Executive, together the name of the Councillor for whom they are acting.

2. Appointment of Chairman

To appoint a Chairman of the Forum for the ensuing municipal year.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

To appoint a Vice - Chairman of the Forum for the ensuing municipal year.

4. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare the existence and nature of personal and prejudicial interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

5. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2008.

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6. Matters Arising

To consider matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

7. **Regional Spatial Strategy & Core Strategy update**

To receive a verbal report from the Head of Planning

8. **Sustainable Buildings Update**

To receive a verbal report from the Head of Planning.

9. **Empty Properties in Warwick Town Centre**

To consider a report from Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Higgins.

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10. **Adoption of Highways**

To consider the following question from Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Higgins

“WCC do not have management of roads until the developer hands them over, is there any way the WDC Planning Department can facilitate the hand over so that the Road Traffic Act can apply to such roads on new estates?”

11. **Planning Committee and the Contribution from Parish Councils**

To consider the following points from Bishop’s Tachbrook Parish Council

We have noticed that there are many occasions where the Parish Councils raise objections to planning applications and case officers recommend that the applications be granted. For example, Bishop's Tachbrook objected to two applications that made their way to Planning Committee on 30 July, and Barford objected to four applications that were reviewed by the Committee on 18 August - and the officers recommended that they be granted. This polarised view troubles us. Based upon this we have two Questions:

- (1) Is there something that the Parish Councils don't understand?
- (2) Could WDC tell us the proportion of Planning applications presented to and granted by Committee where the Parish or Town Councils objected and the case officer recommended granting the application?

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of next meeting of the Planning Forum is 5 February 2009 at 7.00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda need to be submitted to Committee services at Warwick District Council before 10.00am on 26 January 2009.

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reports**

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necessary arrangements to help you to attend the meeting.**

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