

Whittington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Whittington Parish Council Planning Committee held remotely on Tuesday 25th August 2020 at 6.30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Councillors Present: Jill Whitby, Steve Charmley, Rupert Harvey, Ian Johnson and Lucy Beaumont.

Also in attendance: Mrs Amy Jones (Clerk).

Planning Committee MINUTES

1.P.20 Election of Chairman

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Steve Charmley as Chair of the Committee.

2.P.20 Apologies for Absence

All present.

3.P.20 Declarations of interest regarding the agenda

a) Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.

Agenda Item 6 – Interest declared - Cllr Harvey did not take part in any discussions or decision making relating to WHN024.

b) To consider any applications for dispensation.

None received.

4.P.20 Confirmation of the Minutes

To note that the minutes of the last committee meeting held on 26.02.2019 were approved and signed at Full Council on 26.03.19 (minute 35.19 refers)

RESOLVED to note.

5.P.20 Public Participation

To allow public participation in accordance with the Council's Standing Order procedure (this is to be done remotely, inviting any members of the public who are participating in the Zoom session to speak).

No members of the public present.

6.P.20 Shropshire Local Plan Consultation

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reg-18-pre-submission-draft-local-plan-consultation/>

Consider a response to the consultation on Regulation 18: Pre-submission draft of the Shropshire Local Plan and present recommendation to Full Council for decision making.

The proposals are for 240 houses in Park Hall (an increase of 40 compared to the initial plan) and 70 for Whittington plus an additional 15 windfall.

The following matters were discussed in relation to the proposal for 240 houses across the 6 sites in Park Hall:

- It is hard to identify the density of development at this stage
- PKH0011 – this site was previously rejected when a planning application was put forward because it was not considered to be in the planning development boundary. The Local Plan has disregarded this.

- PKH0011 Site would need to include some screening for the existing properties adjacent to the site. (Houses to the South, East and West of the site).
- PKH007 Site that the Council objected to in the January 2019 consultation has now been removed.

In relation to the proposed development at Park Hall, it was RESOLVED to respond with the following comments:

- Whilst the Parish Council support the need for development, Park Hall is defined as a 'Cluster' and, therefore, the green open space needs to be protected to maintain its rural integrity.
- The Parish Council request that the infrastructure is put in place before development starts. With the current development taking place in Park Hall, there has already been noticeable pressure on the existing roads and, therefore, Highways Infrastructure should be upgraded before further development commences.
- For each of the 6 sites – re-iterate the 2019 comments re: infrastructure.

“Whittington Parish Council acknowledge that Oswestry has few options for development within its current boundary. We also acknowledge that Park Hall could be a key site for some housing and local employment. However, Whittington Parish Council will only accept such development if local infrastructure is upgraded. Road improvements to Twmpath lane which should include widening of the carriageway, bridge improvements, extended footways where they are currently missing and a footbridge to cross the bypass to make it easier for pedestrian access into town. North Drive will need similar road widening and footway linkages to cope with potential increases in both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Improvements to drainage / sewage networks and systems are also a priority.

Whittington Parish Council would also ask that a wider master-planning exercise is carried out in conjunction with our neighbours in Gobowen, to look at Bus routes to link Gobowen Station, Orthopaedic, Derwen College, Park Hall, Whittington and Oswestry town centre. Is there also a possibility to develop a tram link from the station to the Hospital with a small platform at Twmpath bridge to further improve connectivity”.

19.11 – Cllr Harvey left the room (was moved to the waiting room) and did not take part in discussions relating to WHN024

In relation to the proposed development in Whittington (WHN024), it was RESOLVED to respond with the following comments:

- Reiterate the need for a roundabout on the B5009 on the junction of Castle Keep. Any development behind the Donnett needs to exit at that point.

19.16 – Cllr Harvey was re-admitted to the meeting.

7.P.20

Planning Consultations – To consider and make recommendations to Full Council (underlining indicates a link to the relevant documentation):

- I. Changes to the current planning system
RESOLVED to RECOMMEND not to comment.
- II. Planning for the future - the planning white paper
RESOLVED to RECOMMEND not to comment.
- III. Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control
RESOLVED to RECOMMEND not to comment.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 19.25