

LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in The Moulton Room, Guildhall, Lichfield,
at 6.30pm on Thursday, 9 November 2017

PRESENT: Councillor A Thompson (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Cocksey, D Dundas, C Greatorex, P Hitchman, Mrs S James, B McMullan, Miss J Marks, Mrs L Warfield, M Warfield and R Yardley

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Awty, I Eadie, Mrs J Eagland, Mrs J Greaves (CD), D Leytham (CD), T Matthews, D Smedley, A Smith and C Spruce

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Those City councillors present who were also members of the District Council's Planning Committee and/or Licensing Committee confirmed that their comments at this meeting were a preliminary view and that they might change their view when they heard all of the evidence at the District Council's Planning Committee and/or Licensing Committee.

38 MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

39 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Members considered Lichfield District Council Premises Licences as per agenda Appendix C.

RESOLVED: *That the Premises Licences be noted.*

40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- 1** *That the decisions of Lichfield District Council on planning applications as listed on Agenda Appendix 'B' be received and noted.*
- 2** *Members were informed of the District Council's Reasons for Approval of application 17/01223/FUL, which had been decided differently to the City Council recommendations.*

The meeting was adjourned

Mr A Hayward then addressed members supporting application 16/00865/FUL for the erection of apartments, car parking spaces and commercial unit at Beaconsfield House, 10 Sandford Street.

The meeting was reconvened

- 3** *That recommendations be submitted to Lichfield District Council in respect of planning applications as listed in Appendix 'A'.*

49 SOUTHERN BYPASS

Councillor Dundas requested the Town Clerk writes to County Highways requesting details of the proposed Southern Bypass with London Road junction.

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk writes to County Highways requesting additional information concerning the junction where the proposed Southern Bypass joins London Road.*

50 RIGHTS OF WAY REVIEW

Councillor Mrs Baker informed members that the County Council are conducting a review into maintenance of Rights of Way.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk considers the County Council Rights of Way Review and produces a report to be considered at either the next Council or Planning meeting.

51 BIRMINGHAM ROAD/ST JOHN STREET JUNCTION

Councillor Mrs Baker stated that the Birmingham Road/St John Street junction is extremely dangerous for wheelchair users, cyclists and families with pushchairs as there is no pedestrian phasing to help pedestrians crossing at a very busy junction.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk writes to County Highways requesting measures to alleviate the problems being encountered by pedestrians and others at the junction.

52 PARKING ISSUES

Councillor Mrs Baker reported parking issues on the Sandfields Estate.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Greateorex liaises with Councillor Mrs Baker to advise on what action to take with regards to parking issues.

53 RAILWAY BRIDGE ON ST JOHN STREET

Councillor Mrs Boyle informed members that the railway bridge on St John Street needs additional measures to be taken to avoid being hit by large vehicles. It is the bridge most often hit by lorries in the West Midlands causing delays to both road and rail users.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk liaises with Councillors Mrs Boyle and Dundas and writes to Staffordshire County Council and Network Rail offering some suggestions to try to stop high vehicles trying to travel under the bridge on St John Street.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45 PM

CHAIRMAN