



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 12th June 2023** at 7.00pm

This meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA.

Present -

Councillors: Andy Clay, Mike Davies (Chairman), Ed Hughes, Dan Kinsey BEM

Non-Committee Councillor(s): Mary Roberts

Absent without apologies: Councillor Ian Sadler

Clerk: Rachael Wright

01/23 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Jason Cox, Mark Evans, Vince Merrick, and Matt Powell.

02/23 – Declarations of Interest

None.

03/23 – Appointment of a Vice-Chairman for 2023/2024

Councillor Ed Hughes proposed Councillor Dan Kinsey BEM be nominated Vice-Chairman for 2023/2024, Councillor Andy Clay seconded the proposal, and everyone was in favour.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Dan Kinsey be Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2023/2024.

04/23 – Approval of last Committee Meeting Minutes from 28th November 2022

Members approved the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

05/23 – Matters arising from the meeting of 28th November 2022

None.

06/23 – The Parish Council's role as Consultees

The Chairman explained as consultees, the Parish Council have no statutory rights in relation to any planning matters, their influence in terms of the comments made in response to planning applications held as much weight as a neighbour commenting on the plans.

07/23 – Material considerations

A list of material considerations was shared with Members to keep for future reference. The Chairman explained the Parish Council could only object on material considerations, and it was important responses were made on all applications, even if the comment was no objection.

08/23 – Declarations of Interest

The Chairman set out the importance of Members declaring an interest in applications, if they had any involvement whatsoever with the property or the applicant and their immediate family. The test was if members of the public perceived there to be a connection between them. Councillor Dan Kinsey BEM reminded Members this extended to not only family connections, but anyone you have a social connection with.

09/23 – Local Plan

The Chairman explained a Local Plan had been put together by South Staffordshire Council, which included new houses in Wombourne. He explained the six Wombourne District Councillors had voted against the plan, as whilst they were not opposed to the number of houses planned for the village, they were opposed to the location of them. He explained the plan was on hold at present due to a Government policy review. He asked the Clerk to send out the Parish Council’s two most recent consultation responses for Members to review.

10/23 – Demo of the planning system

A demonstration could not take place due to the planning portal being unavailable.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: