



## **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at 8.15pm.

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

#### **Present -**

Councillors: Dan Kinsey, Claire McIlvenna, Vince Merrick, Alan Peace (Chairman), John Pike, Mary Roberts.

Non-Committee Councillors - Daisy Tait (left at 8.52pm)

Clerk: Rachael Wright

#### **01/21 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ken Upton.

#### **02/21 – Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **03/21 – Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Vince Merrick proposed Councillor Dan Kinsey be appointed as Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Pike seconded the proposal and all Members were in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Dan Kinsey be Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

#### **04/21 – Review of procedures**

Members agreed to hold regular meetings, and requested that the Clerk continue to email out the plans prior to them going on the agenda for the following meeting, so that they can review them with plenty of time before the meeting.

#### **05/21 – Consultation in respect of the Local Plan**

Members agreed that it was not acceptable for the District Council to only hold MS Teams and one to one meetings with residents and that there must be an opportunity for proper public consultation on the matter. The Clerk informed Members she knew Councillor Barry Bond would be happy to offer the Council Chamber free of charge as had been done in the past. If consultation must be online, many Members noted MS Teams was not particularly user friendly. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the District Council relaying the Committee's concerns regarding a lack of proper public consultation and offering free use of the Council Chamber.

#### **06/21 – Wolverhampton Business Airport**

Members noted that the deadline for consultation to the planning application 20/00893/OUT had passed, but it was still possible to comment on the plans. Some considerable debate took place with regards to the development, however, Members agreed to respond to it neutrally noting that they were pleased brown field

land was being utilised for development, however, they were concerned about the number of houses and the lack of sustainable transport links, and therefore would suggest seeking alternative brown field sites to be used.

**07/21 – Planning training**

The Clerk reminded Members that training was available via the SPCA. Councillor Kinsey agreed to ask the planning officers if there was a crib sheet that could be used for the most common responses.

**08/21 – Environmental considerations**

Councillor Dan Kinsey noted that all Members were concerned about the environmental impact of the decisions the Committee made, and therefore suggested the Committee should consider creating a broad set of guidelines for Wombourne. Members agreed to think about what they would like to see in the guidelines and for the item to feature on the next agenda.

**09/21 – To consider responses to the following planning applications:**

- a) **21/00894/FUL – 14 Waterdale, Wombourne**

No objection.

- b) **21/00885/FUL – Bulls Barn, 7 Orton Hall Farm, Flash Lane**

No objection.

It doesn't impact on the openness of the greenbelt, it isn't increasing the footprint drastically from the original planning consent of 2010.

It would provide a home without increasing the traffic, and the building would fit in nicely and would be better than the derelict building there at present.

**The meeting closed at 9.13pm.**

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....