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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the **Planning Committee** held online via Microsoft Teams on **29th March 2021** which commenced at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs L Dugmore, Miss F Doran, M Edwards, J Gough, M Stokes and J Thompson.

Also Present: Councillor N Dugmore, R Morgan (Clerk to the Parish Council) and Mr R Howard (Resident of Watling Street Grange Farm).

Absent: Councillor A Lawrence.

P21/04/75 Apologies: There were no apologies.

P21/04/76 Declaration of Interest: As per Registers of Interests.

P21/04/77 Planning Applications

Councillors discussed the following planning application:

a. TWC/2021/0213

Mr & Mrs S Tomlinson, Site of 23 Wellington Road, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.

Variation of condition 18 (Development carried out in accordance with deposited plans) on planning application TWC/2019/0957 (Erection of 4no. dwellings) to allow amendments to design of plot 3.

Resolved – to seek clarifications as to:

- Where are the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) going to be located?
- Why are they necessary on a four-house development?
- Who will be responsible for the long and short term maintenance of them? Will it be the responsibility of the new residents?

Resolved – that as Mr Howard is present to discuss item P21/02/71 next.

P21/02/71 Notice of Appeal

ENF/2020/0457

Site of Watling Street Grange Farm, Grange Lane, Red Hill, Telford, Shropshire.

Without planning permission, the unauthorised erection of a wall and creation of hard-standing track.

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Councillor M Stokes informed Councillors that he had taken up the invitation from Mr & Mrs Howard to attend a site visit to discuss the enforcement notice issued against them by Telford & Wrekin Council and their appeal against this decision. As a result of this meeting, and in view of further information received from the site visit, Councillor M Stokes requested that the Parish Council reconsider its previous decision made at the Planning Committee meeting held on 8th February 2021 which originally supported the Borough Council.

The Chair, Councillor Mrs L Dugmore, invited Mr Howard to speak to Councillors regarding his appeal.

Councillors were informed that prior to the new barn development at this location the drains had to be redirected to meet up with the other drainage system. This resulted in the digging up of the stoned area which was not reinstated by the developer. Consequently, Mr Howard purchased new stone for the track, but due to the onset of Winter was unable to install it until the following Spring. New people had moved into one of the barn developments and were convinced that a new road was being developed. They complained to the Borough Council which subsequently was of the opinion that the relatively new wall erected separating the barns from the house fell within the curtilage of the Grade II building and issued an enforcement notice stating there had been an unauthorised erection of a wall and creation of hard standing track. The barns are considered by Mr Howard not to be in the curtilage of the house but were originally separate outhouses. However, Telford & Wrekin Council has stated that it considers they are. Mr Howard also stated that he had photographic evidence showing the stone track prior to the new developments. In view of the confusion between Telford & Wrekin Council and the developer of the barns, the latter alluding to the new brick wall as a boundary of some sort, and the misunderstanding surrounding the stone track, it was **resolved** that the Parish Council reverses its original decision and now supports Mr & Mrs Howard in their appeal.

P21/04/78 TWC/2020/0879 Corner of Redhill Way and A5

Councillors discussed the removal of established hedgerows to accommodate this development. Councillor N Dugmore informed those present that some hedges had been removed to accommodate the visibility splays for the proposed new roundabout.

Resolved – to write a formal complaint to the Borough Council about the continuing removal of hedgerow by developers within Telford & Wrekin and request that this matter is discussed at the next Wrekin Area Committee meeting. The Clerk was also asked to invite the Planning Officer, the Planning Enforcement Officer and a representative from Telford & Wrekin Council's Emergency Climate Change committee to the next Council meeting to discuss the conflicting views between both departments.

The meeting closed at 1905hrs.

Signature:

Date: