

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL)

**THE EARL BALDWIN SUITE, DUKE HOUSE, CLENSMORE STREET,
KIDDERMINSTER**

10TH JANUARY 2006 (6PM)

PRESENT:

Councillors: S J Williams (Chairman), M A W Hazlewood (Vice-Chairman), J Aston, J Baker, A J Buckley, J-P Campion, N J Desmond, Mrs H E Dyke, P B Harrison, M J Hart, Mrs S M Hayward, C D Nicholls, Mrs F M Oborski, Mrs J L Salter, J A Shaw, M J Shellie, J C Simmonds, K J Stokes, A D Williams.

OBSERVERS:

There were no members present as observers.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: S J M Clee, and Mrs J Fairbrother-Millis.

DC. 58 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor J Baker was appointed as a substitute for Councillor S J M Clee.

DC.59 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

With regard to application number WF.05/385 all Members of the Committee (except Councillor A Buckley) had received a letter regarding this application, but stated that they all came to the meeting with an open mind.

Councillor K J Stokes declared a personal interest in application number WF.05/178 as he had received a letter regarding the application.

Councillor J C Simmonds declared a personal interest in application number WF.05/154 as the applicant had telephoned him but he came to the meeting with an open mind.

Councillor S J Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application number WF.05/385. His name and that of a family member remain on the list of people seeking this type of accommodation with the District Council. He announced his intention to leave the room when the item was discussed. He confirmed that he had not been lobbied by any member of the Committee or any officer and neither had he tried to influence the Parish Council on this matter. He had also left the room during the Committee's briefing session whilst this application was discussed.

DC.60 MINUTES**DECISION:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

DC.61 APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED

The Committee considered those applications for determination (now incorporated in Development Control Schedule No.424 (attached)).

DECISION:

The applications now submitted be determined, in accordance with the decisions set out in Development Control Schedule No. 424 attached, subject to incorporation of any further conditions or reasons (or variations) thought to be necessary to give full effect to the Authority's wishes about any particular application.

DC.62 APPLICATIONS PENDING DECISION

The Committee received a schedule of planning and related applications that were pending decision.

DECISION:

The schedule be noted.

DC.63 PLANNING AND RELATED APPEALS

The Committee received details of the position with regard to planning and related appeals, still being processed, together with particulars of appeals that had been determined since the date of the last meeting.

DECISION:

The details be noted.

DC.64 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 294 (2005) : LAND AT 13 HAFREN WAY, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

A report was considered from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asked the Committee to determine whether or not Tree Preservation Order No. 294 relating to a tree at No. 13 Hafren Way, Stourport-on-Severn should be confirmed.

Members noted that the Local Planning Authority had received a planning application (WF.692/05) in June 2005 for the construction of a new detached garage at the site, 13 Hafren Way, Stourport on Severn. The proposals would have required the removal of a maturing Horse Chestnut tree, situated to the front

of the property.

The Development Control Manager advised that a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for the individual Horse Chestnut tree had therefore been made to prevent its removal. The tree was approximately 12 metres high and was a prominent feature of the locality and its retention was considered important in the street scene.

She reported that one letter of objection to the TPO had been received from the property owner.

Having given careful consideration to the issues raised by the objector, as detailed in the report, the Committee confirmed the TPO without modification.

DECISION:

That the Tree Preservation Order No. 294 (2005) relating to a tree at 13 Hafren Way, Stourport on Severn be confirmed in its current form as the tree contributes to the amenity of the locality and may be under threat of removal.

The meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.,