

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL) COMMITTEE

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

12TH JUNE 2007 (6.00PM)

PRESENT:

Councillors: S J Williams (Chairman), G C Yarranton (Vice-Chairman), J Aston, Mrs H E Dyke, P B Harrison, M J Hart, H J Martin, C D Nicholls, Mrs F M Oborski, M A Salter, M J Shellie and K J Stokes.

OBSERVERS:

Councillors: J-P Campion and P Dyke

DC.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Price.

DC.11 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor P B Harrison was appointed as a substitute for Councillor M Price.

DC.12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

DC.13 MINUTES

DECISION:

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

DC.14 APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED

The Committee considered those applications for determination (now incorporated in Development Control Schedule No.439 attached).

DECISION:

The applications now submitted be determined, in accordance with the decisions set out in Development Control Schedule No. 439 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.15 APPLICATIONS PENDING DECISION

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

DECISION:

The schedule be noted.

DC.16 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.17 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT ON PERFORMANCE AGAINST BV109 TARGETS FOR DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A report was considered from the Development Control Manager that provided Members with a monthly progress report on performance against national best value performance indicators (BV109).

DECISION:

The report be noted.

DC.18 DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DCLG) PLANNING PERFORMANE STATISTICS

A report was considered from the Development Control Manager that informed Members of the published statistics relating to Development Control.

DECISION:

The report be noted.

DC.19 UPDATE OF 'THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR PARISH COUNCILS' (2007)'

A report was considered from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that sought changes to 'The Planning Process for Parish Councils' (2007).' The document guided local Parish and Town Council Members through the planning system. It explained district council procedures and provided advice regarding how to comment on planning applications. The Guide incorporated changes to the planning system which had occurred since the previous version had been issued in 2003.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

'The Planning Process for Parish Councils' (2007)' be adopted.

DC.20 UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CHARTER

A report was considered from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that sought Members' approval for changes to the Development Control Charter. The Charter was an easy to understand guide to development control and the enforcement system which was aimed to inform members of the public.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

The updated Development Control Charter 2007 be adopted.

DC.21 LAND AT ELFIN GLEN, GORST HILL ROCK - TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 319

A report was considered from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asked Members to determine Tree Preservation Order No. 319 relating to trees on land at Elfin Glen, Gorst Hill, Rock.

The Development Control Manager told members of the Committee that as a result of a planning application being submitted for the property, a request was made for all trees on the site to be protected. The Order was made in January 2007 and related to all trees on the site.

Since the TPO had been made objections had been received. These were from a local resident, the resident's agent and Rock Parish Council.

The main areas of concern were that the TPO would have a serious detrimental effect on the rebuilding proposals and whether all the trees were worthy of protection.

The responses had been fully considered and it was advised that the Tree Preservation Order should be varied from its current form to include only the trees at the land at Elfin Glen which were listed in paragraph 2.1. of the report to the Committee.

DECISION:

- 1. Tree Preservation Order No. 319 relating to trees on Land at Elfin Glen, Gorst Hill, Rock, be confirmed with the following modifications:**

TPO to only include:

- 1 No.Yew (T1)**
- 5 No. Oaks (T2 (identified as an Ash in original Survey); T6;T8; T9; and T10)**
- 2 No.Ash (T7 identified as an Oak in original survey and T3)**
- 1 No. Wild Cherry (T4)**
- Single group consisting of 3 No. Ash and 1 No.Oak trees (in Group 1)**

as these trees contribute to the amenity of the locality and are considered worthy of protection.

2. That the following trees be removed from the original Schedule 1 of the TPO:

- 1 No. Apple Tree (T5)
- 1 No. Hemlock (T11)
- 1 No. Western Red Cedar (in Group 2)
- 2 No. Norway Spruce (in Group 2)

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm