

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY,
KIDDERMINSTER

13TH NOVEMBER 2012 (6.00PM)

Present:

Councillors: S J Williams (Chairman), G C Yarranton (Vice-Chairman), J Aston, L Davies, H E Dyke, B T Glass, D R Godwin, I Hardiman, P B Harrison, M J Hart, V Higgs, B McFarland, C D Nicholls, M Price, M A Salter and N J Thomas.

Observers:

Councillors P V Hayward, A T Hingley and D R Sheppard.

PL.59 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H J Martin and F M Oborski.

PL.60 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor H E Dyke was appointed as a substitute for Councillor F M Oborski.
Councillor V Higgs was appointed as a substitute for Councillor H J Martin.

PL.61 Declarations of Interests by Members

Councillor G Yarranton declared an interest in agenda item no. 9 - Planning Consultation by Worcestershire County Council Change of use of Second Floor of Existing Library to Office Accommodation and Provision of Covered Cycle Racks at Kidderminster Library, Market Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AB as he is a Member of the Worcestershire County Council Planning Committee.

Councillor M A Salter declared in respect of application number 12/0317/FULL Lucy Baldwin Hospital, Stourport that he is a Member of Stourport Town Council who have already considered the matter but he came to the meeting with an open mind.
Councillor B McFarland declared in respect of application number 12/0607/FULL 30 Heightington Place, Stourport that he is a colleague of the applicant but did not have a close connection.

Councillor V Higgs declared an Other Disclosable Interest in application number 12/0607/FULL as she had a close connection with the applicant and in respect of application number 12/0317/FULL Lucy Baldwin Hospital, Stourport that she was a Member of Stourport Town Council but came to the meeting with an open mind.

PL.62 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PL.63 Applications To Be Determined

The Committee considered those applications for determination (now incorporated in Development Control Schedule No. 503 attached).

Decision: The applications now submitted be determined, in accordance with the decisions set out in Development Control Schedule No. 503 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.

PL.64 Applications Pending Decision

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

Decision: The schedule be noted.

PL.65 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.

PL.66 Section 106 Obligation Monitoring

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place that gave details of the most current Section 106 Obligations which required monitoring.

Decision: The details be noted.

PL.67 Planning Consultation by Worcestershire County Council Proposed Change of Use of second floor existing library to office accommodation and provision of covered cycle racks, Kidderminster Library, Market Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AB, 12/0643/WCCR

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place that asked the Committee to make a decision on the planning consultation received from Worcestershire County Council in respect of the proposed change of use of second floor of existing library to office accommodation and Provision of Covered Cycle Racks at Kidderminster Library, Market Street, Kidderminster.

Decision: To register the Council's strongest possible objection to the proposal. The proposal represents a serious downgrading of current arts and cultural provision within Kidderminster and effectively destroys a purpose built arts facility and replaces it with a totally inadequate replacement. It goes completely against the Council's Adopted Core Strategy Policy CP07 of Delivery Community Wellbeing, against policy KCAGPB7 Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan and also against policy KCAGPB5.

The meeting ended at 8.31 pm.