



**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2018 AT 6.00 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM,  
25a LOAD STREET, BEWDLEY**

**PRESENT**

Councillor John Byng  
Councillor Linda Candlin  
Councillor Roger Coleman  
Councillor Calne Edginton-White (Chair)  
Councillor Paul Harrison  
Councillor Rod Stanczyszyn

In attendance:  
Barbara Byng, Office Administrator  
3 members of the public

**7434 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. John Beeson.

**7435 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**7436 Dispensations**

None.

**Public Question Time**

One member of the public elected to speak. Details are included at the end of these minutes under Public Period.

**7437 Minutes**

The minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved following amendment to show Cllr Killingworth's attendance as a non-Committee member.

**7438 18/0558/FULL Side extension  
128 Wyre Hill**

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

**7439 18/0594/FULL Extensions and alterations of existing property including  
the increase of ridge height of provision, dormers and two  
storey front extensions**

Culver House, Dowles Road, Greenacres Lane

It was agreed to recommend **refusal** as it was considered the proposed ridge height will adversely affect the visual amenity as well as enabling

overlooking of neighbouring properties. In addition, the previous application was refused due to the same concerns as well as it being contrary to Local Plan policy.

- 7440**    **18/0596/FULL**    Change of use from Old Bakehouse to residential (amendments to Application 17/0702/FULL).  
The Old Bakehouse, r/o 66 High Street

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

- 7441**    **18/0600/FULL**    Two storey side extension  
33 Gloucester Way

It was agreed to recommend **approval** subject to the information request made by the Highways Department satisfying their concerns in relation to car parking spaces outside the property

- 7442**    **18/0604/TREE**    Reduce two willow trees by 15%  
Millside Court (riverbank area)

It was agreed to recommend **refusal** supporting the comments of the Arboricultural Officer and the Town Council's aim to preserve the treescape of Bewdley, in particular within the Conservation Area. These riverside willows soften the sharp edges of the built form and assist with riverbank stability. Work which would have an effect on the long-term amenity of the two trees is discouraged.

- 7443**    **Old Workhouse site, 64 High Street**  
Comments made at Public Question Time and information known by Members present were discussed.

It was **agreed** to refer this matter to the next Town Council meeting and, in the meantime, to establish from Wyre Forest District Council the current status of the building, in order that full facts are available for the consideration of full Council.

- 7445**    **Representations**  
It was decided that no representations would be made to the next Planning (Development Control) Committee of Wyre Forest District Council in relation to the planning applications considered above.

- 7356**    **Planning Decisions Update**  
Noted.

Prior to closure of the meeting, the following matters were raised:

- the wish for future Planning Committee meetings to be held in the meeting room at the Guildhall.
- that Kidderminster Foreign PC has been notified of an application (ref. 18/0520) from Crocky Valley Ltd, a Cheshire-based company. The application is for a family adventure trail and ancillary development of the former Habberley Golf Club, Low Habberley, Kidderminster. The impact of additional traffic on local roads in and around Wribbenhall and Bewdley is likely to be significant. Councillor Harrison was asked to liaise with the Office Administrator to formulate an objection letter to the Planning Department, Wyre Forest District Council.

*The meeting closed at 7.00 pm*

**Signed**.....

Chairman at Planning Committee  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

#### **Public Period**

A member of the public representing Bewdley Civic Society spoke with regards Agenda Item 8 (Bewdley Workhouse, 64 High Street, Bewdley). Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of action to address the dilapidated state of the building and the consequent dangers this presents. He updated the meeting with discussions and correspondence with Wyre Forest District Council, English Heritage, Historic England (copies to be forwarded). He advised that the matter remains unresolved and has been on ongoing for over 10 years and urged that the Town Council seek a resolution.