WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

8TH JULY 2014 (6.00 PM)

Present:

Councillors: F M Oborski (Chairman), S J M Clee (Vice-Chairman), J Aston, C Brewer, B T Glass, D R Godwin, J Greener, P B Harrison, R J Lloyd, B McFarland, C D Nicholls, D R Sheppard, M J Stooke, S J Williams, M J Wrench and G C Yarranton.

Observers:

Councillor P W Wooldridge.

PL.8 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M J Hart.

PL.9 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor G C Yarranton was appointed as a substitute for Councillor M J Hart.

PL.10 Declarations of Interests by Members

There were no declarations of interests.

PL.11 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PL.12 Applications To Be Determined

The Committee considered those applications for determination (now incorporated in Development Control Schedule No. 522 attached).

Decision: The applications now submitted be determined, in accordance with the decisions set out in Development Control Schedule No. 522 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.13 Applications Pending Decision

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

Decision: The schedule be noted.

PL.14 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.15 Proposed Changes to Development Control Procedures and Protocols

The Committee received a report from the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place which recommended to Council proposed changes to existing Development Control procedures and protocols.

Decision:

- 1. The adoption of the series of amendments and alterations of established procedures and protocols as set out in paragraphs 10.3 and 10.6 of the report to the Planning Committee be approved.
- 2. Recommend to Council:

The proposed changes to the Officer Scheme of Delegation and the Pre-Application and Permitted Development Charges, in accordance with paragraphs 10.4 and 10.5 of the report to Planning Committee be approved.

PL.16 Blakebrook Conservation Area Draft Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation

The Committee received a report from the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place which advised Members of the responses received on the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal for the Blakebrook Conservation Area, and to seek Planning Committee approval for the adoption of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

Decision:

- 1. The adoption of the revised Blakebrook Conservation Area Character Appraisal, as appendix 1 of the report to the Planning Committee, be approved.
- 2. Delegated powers be granted to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place to determine the final format and presentation of the Character Appraisal.

PL.17 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Decision: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PL.18 Enforcement Matters

The Committee received a report from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which provided Members with a summary report on enforcement matters, and specifically the volume of new complaints.

Decision: The contents of the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 18.48 p.m.