

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

15TH FEBRUARY 2022 (6PM)

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**Present:**

Councillors: C Edginton-White (Chairman), G W Ballinger, V Caulfield, S J Chambers, A Coleman, H E Dyke, P Harrison, M J Hart, L J Jones, F M Oborski MBE and C Rogers.

**Observers:**

Councillors I Hardiman and N Martin.

**PL.43 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: C J Barnett (Vice-Chairman), J Aston and L Whitehouse.

**PL.44 Appointment of Substitutes**

Councillor G W Ballinger was a substitute for Councillor C J Barnett and Councillor H E Dyke was a substitute for Councillor J Aston.

**PL.45 Declarations of Interests by Members**

Councillor C Rogers declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in respect of Agenda Item No. 6 that he lived near to the area of Woodland mentioned in the report and he would leave the room for this item and take no part in the determination.

Councillor N Martin left the meeting at 6:02pm and returned at 6:04pm.

**PL.46 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**PL.47 Applications To Be Determined**

The Committee considered those applications for determination (now incorporated in Development Management Schedule No. 599 attached).

**Decision: The applications now submitted be determined, in accordance with the decisions set out in Development Management Schedule No 599 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.**

Councillor C Rogers and I Hardiman left the meeting at this point (6:50pm).

**PL.48 Tree Preservation Order on Land at Bigbury Lane, Wilden, Stourport-on-Severn**

The Committee considered a report to determine whether the Tree Preservation Order No 483 (2001) relating to an acre of woodland, on land off Bigbury Lane, Wilden, should be confirmed or not.

**Decision:**

**1.1 That the Tree Preservation Order be confirmed with the following modifications:**

**TPO to only include:**

- **Area of woodland around 1.4 hectares in size.**
- **As the woodland contributes to the amenity of the locality and is considered worthy of protection.**

**1.2 For the reasons given in the report around 0.5 hectares of woodland, on the western edge, is removed from the TPO.**

Councillor C Rogers returned at this point (6:56pm).

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

**PL.49 Decision: "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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.**

**PL.50 New Enforcement Case**

The Committee received a report from the Head of Strategic Growth on a new enforcement case.

**Decision: The Solicitor to the Council receive delegated authority to serve or withhold and Enforcement Notice for the reasons and including the requirements detailed in the confidential report to the Planning Committee.**

**PL.51 Consideration of an Exempt Report**

The Committee received an exempt report from the Head of Strategic Growth to consider what actions need to be taken following a refusal of planning permission by Planning Committee. The report referred to relevant planning considerations including external legal advice that had been received on this matter.

**Decision: The Committee instructed Officers on their agreed course of action in respect of discussions with the applicant along with the process for the planning appeal and nominated Cllr Hart to act as the Council's witness.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:16pm.