



Planning Committee

Wed 14 Jan
2015
7.00 pm

Council Chamber
Town Hall
Redditch

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- Access to a list specifying those powers which the Council has delegated to its Officers indicating also the titles of the Officers concerned.
- Access to a summary of the rights of the public to attend meetings of the Council and its Committees etc. and to inspect and copy documents.
- In addition, the public now has a right to be present when the Council determines “Key Decisions” unless the business would disclose confidential or “exempt” information.
- Unless otherwise stated, most items of business before the Executive Committee are Key Decisions.
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If you have any queries on this Agenda or any of the decisions taken or wish to exercise any of the above rights of access to information, please contact the following:

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GUIDANCE ON PUBLIC **SPEAKING**

The process approved by the Council for public speaking at meetings of the Planning Committee is (subject to the discretion and control of the Chair) as summarised below:

in accordance with the running order detailed in this agenda and updated by the separate Update report:

- 1) Introduction of application by Chair
- 2) Officer presentation of the report (as originally printed; updated in the later Update Report; and updated orally by the Planning Officers at the meeting).
- 3) Public Speaking - in the following order:-
 - a) Objectors to speak on the application;
 - b) Supporters to speak on the application;
 - c) Ward Councillors
 - c) Applicant (or representative) to speak on the application.

Speakers will be called in the order they have notified their interest in speaking to the Democratic Services Team (by 12 noon on the day of the meeting) and invited to the table or lectern.

- Each individual speaker will have up to a maximum of 3 minutes to speak, subject to the discretion of the Chair. (Please press button on “conference unit” to activate microphone.)
 - Each group of supporters or objectors with a common interest will have up to a maximum of 10 minutes to speak, subject to the discretion of the Chair.
 - After each of a), b) and c) above, Members may put relevant questions to the speaker, for clarification. (Please remain at the table in case of questions.)
- 4) Members’ questions to the Officers and formal debate / determination.

Notes:

- 1) It should be noted that, in coming to its decision, the Committee can only take into account planning issues, namely policies contained in the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3, the County Structure Plan (comprising the Development Plan) and other material considerations, which include Government Guidance and other relevant policies published since the adoption of the development plan and the “environmental factors” (in the broad sense) which affect the site.
- 2) Members of the public are now able to record all or part of this meeting either by making an audio recording, taking photographs, filming or making notes. The exception to this involves exempt / confidential information to be considered, when members of the public may be excluded from the meeting, the reason(s) for which will be defined in the Exclusion of the Public item on the Planning Committee Agenda.

An area of the Council Chamber has been set aside next to the Press for any members of the public who wish to do this. The Council asks that any recording of the meeting is done from this area to avoid disrupting the proceedings. Members of the public should now be aware that they may be filmed or recorded during the course of the meeting.

- 3) Once the formal meeting opens, members of the public are requested to remain within the Public Gallery and may only address Committee Members and Officers via the formal public speaking route.
- 4) Late circulation of additional papers is not advised and is subject to the Chair’s agreement. The submission of any significant new information might lead to a delay in reaching a decision. The deadline for papers to be received by Planning Officers is 4.00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting.
- 5) Anyone wishing to address the Planning Committee on applications on this agenda must notify the Democratic Services Team on 01527 64252 Extn. 3266 by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

Further assistance:

If you require any further assistance prior to the meeting, please contact the Democratic Services Officer (indicated at the foot of the inside front cover), Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, or Planning Officers, at the same address.

At the meeting, these Officers will normally be seated either side of the Chair.

The Chair’s place is at the front left-hand corner of the Committee table as viewed from the Public Gallery.

Welcome to today's meeting.

Guidance for the Public

Agenda Papers

The **Agenda List** at the front of the Agenda summarises the issues to be discussed and is followed by the Officers' full supporting **Reports**.

Chair

The Chair is responsible for the proper conduct of the meeting. Generally to one side of the Chair are the Legal and Democratic Services Officers who give advice on the proper conduct of the meeting and ensures that the debate and the decisions are properly recorded. On the Chair's other side are the relevant Council Officers. The Councillors ("Members") of the Committee occupy the remaining seats around the table.

Running Order

Items will normally be taken in the order printed but, in particular circumstances, the Chair may agree to vary the order.

Refreshments : tea, coffee and water are normally available at meetings - please serve yourself.

Decisions

Decisions at the meeting will be taken by the **Councillors** who are the democratically elected representatives. They are advised by **Officers** who are paid professionals and do not have a vote.

Members of the Public

Members of the public may, by prior arrangement, speak at meetings of the Council or its Committees. Specific procedures exist for Appeals Hearings or for meetings involving Licence or Planning Applications. For further information on this point, please speak to the Democratic Services Officer.

Special Arrangements

If you have any particular needs, please contact the Democratic Services Officer.

Infra-red devices for the hearing impaired are available on request at the meeting. Other facilities may require prior arrangement.

Further Information

If you require any further information, please contact the Democratic Services Officer (see foot of page opposite).

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14th January 2014

7.00 pm

Council Chamber Town Hall

Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs: Andrew Fry (Chair) Wanda King
 Alan Mason (Vice-Chair) Yvonne Smith
 Joe Baker David Thain
 Roger Bennett Nina Wood-Ford
 Andrew Brazier

<p>1. Apologies</p>	<p>To receive apologies for absence and details of any Councillor nominated to attend the meeting in place of a member of the Committee.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p>	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.</p>
<p>3. Confirmation of Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)</p>	<p>To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10th December 2014. (Minutes attached)</p>
<p>4. Update Reports</p>	<p>To note Update Reports (if any) for the Planning Applications to be considered at the meeting (circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting)</p>
<p>5. Application 2014/036/FUL - B & Q DIY Supercentre, Jinnah Road, Smallwood, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 6RG (Pages 7 - 14) R Bamford - Head of Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>To consider the outstanding matter of the opening hours in relation to the reconfiguration of the existing store to create a Class A1 (Bulky Goods) unit and a Class A1 Foodstore, further to the Committee's previous consideration of the Application on the 10th September 2014. Applicant: B & Q Plc and ASDA Stores Limited (Report attached – Site Plan under separate cover) (Central Ward)</p>

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<p>6. Application 2014/272/FUL - Former Ambulance Station, Cedar Park Road, Batchley, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 6HP</p> <p>(Pages 15 - 26)</p> <p>R Bamford - Head of Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>To consider a Planning Application for the proposed erection of 14 no. flats comprising 10 x 2 bedroom flats and 4 x 1 bedroom flats.</p> <p>Applicant: Cedar Real Estate Developments Ltd</p> <p>(Report attached - Site Plan under separate cover)</p> <p>(Batchley & Brockhill Ward)</p>
<p>7. Application 2014/275/FUL - Mettis Sports and Social Club, Cherry Tree Walk, Batchley, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 6PB</p> <p>(Pages 27 - 30)</p> <p>Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>To consider a Planning Application for the construction of 2 additional tennis courts, associated floodlighting and a 2.75m surrounding fence.</p> <p>Applicant: Mr Darren Cutler</p> <p>(Report attached – Site Plan under separate cover)</p> <p>(Batchley & Brockhill Ward)</p>
<p>8. Application 2014/284/FUL - Units 16, 17 and 18 Kingfisher Walk, Kingfisher Shopping Centre, Town Centre, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 4EY</p> <p>(Pages 31 - 34)</p> <p>Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>To consider a Planning Application for the amalgamation of 3 small adjacent (A1 Use) retail units to a single (A3/A5 Use) fast food eat-in and takeaway food unit.</p> <p>Applicant: Kingfisher Shopping Centre</p> <p>(Report attached – Site Plan under separate cover)</p> <p>(Abbey Ward)</p>
<p>9. Application 2014/311/FUL - Headless Cross Methodist Church, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 5ER</p> <p>(Pages 35 - 42)</p> <p>Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>To consider a Planning Application for 9 no. terraced dwellings on the site of the former Methodist Church (existing Church Tower and Spire to be retained).</p> <p>Applicant: Mr Phil Thomas</p> <p>(Report attached – Site Plan under separate cover)</p> <p>(Headless Cross & Oakenshaw Ward)</p>

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<p>10. Application 2014/323/FUL - Former Hewell Road Swimming Pool Site, Hewell Road, Batchley, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 6BA</p> <p>(Pages 43 - 52)</p> <p>Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>To consider a Planning Application for 30 no. residential Units comprising 6 no. dwellings and 24 no. one bedroom flats.</p> <p>Applicant: Mr G Stoyan</p> <p>(Report attached – Site Plan under separate cover)</p> <p>(Batchley & Brockhill Ward)</p>
<p>11. Exclusion of the Public</p>	<p>During the course of the meeting it may be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged. It may be necessary, therefore, to move the following resolution:</p> <p>“that, under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.</p> <p>These paragraphs are as follows:</p> <p>subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Para 1 - <u>any individual;</u>Para 2 - <u>the identity of any individual;</u>Para 3 - <u>financial or business affairs;</u>Para 4 - <u>labour relations matters;</u>Para 5 - <u>legal professional privilege;</u>Para 6 - <u>a notice, order or direction;</u>Para 7 - <u>the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime;</u> <p>may need to be considered as “exempt”.</p>
<p>12. Confidential Matters (if any)</p>	<p>To deal with any exceptional matters necessary to consider after the exclusion of the public (none notified to date.)</p>

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