

UPTON UPON SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15th November 2005 at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall

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Present: Chairman Councillor M Morgan
Vice Chairman Councillor T Perry
Councillors J Surtees, J Thompson, P Thomas, E White, S Walsh,
S Wilkinson, S Yates, T Dickson

Also Present: District Councillor M Wilkinson, 5 members of the public
Tarik Al Rasheed (Malvern Gazette)
The Clerk Ms G Jennings

a. To receive apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies received from Cllrs. P Martin, T Drake, R Tyler, A Morgan
Councillor Yates declared an interest in 01550/01551 and withdrew from the discussion.

b. To discuss current planning applications and agree comment

05/01551/FUL rear of 10 Old St. – Formation of separate flat
05/01550/FUL rear of 10 Old St – Use part of bakery & flat to form dwelling house
There were no exterior alterations to the property and the Committee had no objection to the proposal.

c. To receive decision notices and any other communication from MHDC Planning Dept.

05/01164/LBC – Cromwell House – Listed Building Consent
05/01163/FUL – Cromwell House – Planning Permission
05/01254/FUL – 4 Riverside Close – Planning Permission
05/01357/FUL – Land to Barley Orchard - Planning Refused

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Present: Chairman Town Mayor J Thompson
Vice Chairman Deputy Town Mayor Councillor S Walsh
Councillors J Surtees, P Thomas, E White,
S Wilkinson, S Yates, T Dickson, M Morgan, T Perry

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1. To receive apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies received from Cllrs. P Martin, T Drake, R Tyler, A Morgan
District Councillor Mrs Adeney and County Councillor B Bullock gave their apologies.
There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 18th October 2005 - **Agreed**
- 2.2 To adopt the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting of 25th October 2005 - **Adopted**
- 2.3 To adopt the Minutes of the Hall, Finance & Open Spaces Committee meeting of 1st November 2005 - **Adopted**
- 2.4 To adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee of 18th October and 1st November 2005 - **Adopted**

3. Matters Arising

3.1 To take a vote on the proposal discussed on 18th October 2005 to reduce the number of councillors required for election in 2007 in order to improve the prospect of becoming a Quality Parish Council and to give an even spread of voters per councillor. Councillor Wilkinson gave a summary of the requirements of the Quality Parish Council election standard of 100% elected members. Difficult to get maximum number particularly candidates for Hook and Longdon Heath. Councillors voiced concerns about being able to achieve representation externally and on internal committees – quorum might be difficult to achieve. Councillor White felt a cabinet style council might be the result. Councillor Perry felt that Council worked well together at present and should attract more interest from prospective members.

A resident, Mr Mair, felt that the decision to reduce numbers might restrict community involvement and reduce democracy.

Put to the vote the proposal was rejected 8/2 (1 abstention).

3.2 To agree a representation to MHDC regarding the closure of the High Street conveniences - The Town Council agreed that at the moment a letter should be sent from the 3 town councils jointly expressing the disappointment felt in the lack of proper consultation and negotiation. There was a shared opinion that the figures being presented were not accurate and a disbelief in the report that MHDC could not afford to maintain the facilities. It had been mentioned in an email from Ivor Pumfrey on 4th November that consideration was being given to the handover of all public conveniences to the Town Councils. Councillor Mary Wilkinson advised she was not aware of this being passed through MHDC. Councillors felt in general that MHDC should maintain the facilities. The Town Councils were jointly calling for a further meeting with MHDC.

3.3 To consider the report of the Skateboard Sub-Committee (circulated), the reply of Upton SMC and to agree a response – Councillor Mrs Walsh reported that the sub committee would meet with Upton SMC but felt that a number of points were still outstanding which should be addressed prior to the meeting on 6th December. Councillor Wilkinson advised that the SMC had been offered the Hill Centre for the ramps subject to them being properly constituted.

4. Committee Membership

4.1 To review the membership of the Hall Finance & General Purposes Committee

Councillor Perry moved from Finance to Open Spaces. Councillor Thomas appointed. Councillor Drake would be offered place on Committee.

4.2 To review the membership of the Open Spaces & Cemetery Committee

Councillor Perry moved to Open Spaces Committee.

An adjournment for public participation

The Tourism & Trade Association had written in expressing their disappointment at the £200 donation offered towards Christmas lights in 2005. The Council agreed that they would meet with the Association in June/July 2006 to come to satisfactory arrangements over the light for Christmas 2006.

Members of the public present expressed their dismay at the proposed closure of the High Street toilets. It was felt these were an essential facility for the increasing ageing population.

5. Individual Reports

5.1 County Councillor – No report

5.2 District Councillors – Councillor Mary Wilkinson said she was impressed by the turnout for the parade on the 13th November and it was nice to see so many young people taking part. She advised the single development committee was not going ahead which she felt was largely due to the active consultation with parish and town councils.

5.3 Town Councillors – A report on a meeting regarding riverfront management was circulated.

Councillor Wilkinson advised the interpretation panels were now subject to a funding application and the Town guide was progressing well towards quotations being obtained. Councillor Mrs Walsh reported that she had attended a meeting of the PCCG which had concentrated on the way in which the Malvern station worked. There was also a demonstration of the new equipment at the communications centre. She advised that members of the public were able to visit the call centre and see the equipment in use. There were further meetings on 5th December and 15th March and she would take up any points councillors wished to pass on.

5.4 Community Pride - minutes circulated.

5.5 Mayors Correspondence – None other than letter from Mr Mair, already dealt with.

6. Items for General Debate

6.1 **Layout of the Upton Hub and relevant information** – Plans for the hub were explained. An extension to the left of the building would be necessary to accommodate the police although this would be run as a separate project. The existing police station might be sold off for development. Councillor Perry queried whether MHDC should be spending money on a hub when they could not afford the toilets. Councillor Mary Wilkinson advised this was a different budget and costs were being met by the County Council. MHDC might have 2 or 3 staff based in the hub.

6.2 **Formation of a Youth Forum and proposals for youth centre** – Miss Adriana Keast gave a presentation on the results of a questionnaire circulated to ascertain whether a Youth Forum would be welcome. The response had been positive and an initial information evening would be held on 21st November at 5pm in the Memorial Hall. The Church Rooms had offered to accommodate a youth club. The Council were asked for their support and for use of the Memorial Hall for meetings of the Youth Forum.

6.3 **Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 - should the Town Council adopt the new powers or is it unworkable?** The Mayor gave a summary of the powers under the Act. Parish & Town Council officials were to be able to hand out fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti, dog fouling etc. Authorised, trained personnel would be required and the Councils would be responsible for collecting unpaid fines through the Courts. The Town Council would await further information being issued in March 2006 but felt that the responsibility for FPNS and DCOs was better dealt with by MHDC.

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6.4 Worcs CALC have written complaining that consultation with first tier councils did not take place re: proposals to changes to HPU structure - Their complaint in this respect was supported by the Town Council.

7. Authorisation of Payments

Cheques 4730 – 4751 authorised.

8. Information/Correspondence (available from the Committee Room)

8.1 Worcs. County Council LTP2 – Strategic Environmental Assessment

8.2 MHDC – Council Agenda for 8th Nov.

8.3 MHDC – Statement of Community Involvement 2005 – Consultation Document

8.4 Application for temporary Road Closure – Croome & West Foxhounds 24th December

9. Date of Next Meeting

20th December 2005

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

