

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 24 March 2022 at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: A. Allen, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett (Vice Chairman), G. Chevins, T. Manton, I. Nellins, and M. Whittle.

ABSENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, B. Chapman, M. Erwin, and R. Hughes.

1 member of the public were present and 3 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

In Attendance: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

The Vice Chairman announced that due to an alleged incident, Councillor Chapman is not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Councillor Chapman will not be attending future Council meetings whilst the issue is being dealt with by the appropriate authority.

1.PL APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Aldcroft	-	Illness
Councillor Chapman	-	Private matter
Councillor Erwin	-	Private matter
Councillor Hughes	-	Pre-arranged appointment

2.PL DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3.PL PUBLIC SESSION

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Allen seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To suspend standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

A member of the public requested that Shropshire Councillors and Town Councillors consider the following issues:

- Planning permission. Why does Shropshire Council keep pushing planning applications through for extra houses when there is not sufficient infrastructure in the town eg electricity supply, schools and doctors at capacity. developments? The town needs more social housing for the underpaid workforce.

- Transport. There is talk that the bus to Stoke is reducing its service within the week and not running at all on a Saturday, can Town Council get behind this to stop it happening, the town is already isolated with no transport to Telford; teenagers need to be able to travel out of town to go to the pictures etc.
- Policing. Whitchurch has two members of the police patrolling on foot within the town, why can't Market Drayton have this service?
- Severn Trent. Utilities cannot keep up with the amount of sewage and it is overflowing into our waterways. The County Councillors were asked to speak up at County's Planning Meetings to get more involved to try and stop this happening.

The Chairman said he has recently been on a planning course; Town Council are unable to object to new housing developments on the grounds of impact capacity this will have on the doctors and schools, Shropshire Council must have an infrastructure plan.

Councillor Allen said he believes the local school are under subscribed and are not running at capacity. It is about parental choice and a lot of parents are opting to send their child to a different senior school and paying for the transport themselves.

Councillor Nellins said the X64 timetable for the bus service to Hanley was to reduce due to the lack of footfall but Shropshire Council has stepped in to help fund the service so this will continue be the same.

The Chairman thanked the resident for attending the meeting and for her comments.

The meeting went back into committee.

4.PL

MINUTES

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Chevins seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

To approve the minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 24 February 2022.

5.PL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference: 22/00433/FUL (validated: 21/02/2022)
 Address: 15 Ashwood Close, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3HF
 Proposal: Erection of ground floor extension to side and associated minor alterations

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Allen seconded and it was **RESOLVED**:

To support this planning application; it fulfils planning criteria.

.....

Reference: 22/00917/FUL (validated: 24/02/2022)

Address: The Old Barn, Prospect Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9
3BH

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor J. Beckett seconded and it was
RESOLVED:

To support this planning application; it fulfils planning criteria.

6.PL

DECISIONS

Members **NOTED** the decisions that can be found on the Shropshire Council website.

The meeting concluded at 7.33 p.m.

Chairman: J. Beckett

Date: 7/4/2022