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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices (Remotely via Zoom) on **Wednesday, 22nd July 2020** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Cllr J Alvey
Cllr S deLauney
Cllr J Latter

Cllr G Luter
Cllr L Jinks
Cllr D Roberts

In attendance: Andrew Roberts, Deputy Town Clerk

233/19 Welcome and Introductory Comments

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting.

234/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Cook – illness.
Apology accepted.

235/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

236/19 To confirm the minutes of the meeting – 1st July 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Luter, seconded by Cllr Jinks and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

237/19 Matters arising from those minutes

Minute 227/19: Correspondence: The Clerk confirmed that he had responded to a recently circulated email as requested and confirmed that no further correspondence had been received by way of response to the same.

238/19 To receive details of Planning Applications received since the last meeting:

- TWC/2020/0551 3 Merridale Crescent, Wellington, TF1 3BW**
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and alterations to existing garage roof. No objection.
- TWC/2020/0555 Former Home and Leisure & Clifton Cinema, Bridge Road, Wellington**
Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of vacant retail building. Members were reminded to note that the application was one of prior approval and would be determined in accordance with the General Permitted Development Order 2015). Members welcomed the

opportunity to comment on this particular application and reflected on the various views that this proposal would raise within the community, and that change could sometimes be difficult to accept. It was agreed that the clearance of this area of land in a prime gateway location within the Town represented an opportunity to unlock the site and to enable a further opportunity to provide a new lease of life to the Town and to ensure an appropriate high quality development. It was further recognised that an empty site would be preferable to the present building falling further into disrepair. It was suggested as to whether once the site was cleared as to whether the site might provide some additional car parking although it was accepted that any temporary provision would be lost once any development commenced.

TWC/2020/0574 11 Donnerville Close, Wellington, TF1 3BP

Garage conversion and the erection of a first floor side extension to create self-contained annexe, proposed single storey rear extension and the erection of a detached garage. Members considered that this application was a finely balanced application however following a discussion the majority of members felt that the application proposals represented an overdevelopment within the site.

TWC/2020/0503 6 Crown Street, Wellington, TF1 1LP

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from retail unit (Use Class A1) to restaurant (Use Class A3). No objection.

239/19 Correspondence

None.

240/19 Telford & Wrekin Planning Committee Applications

None. The Clerk confirmed to Members that Telford & Wrekin Council Planning Committee had approved the planning application in relation to the former Cottage Care hospital site at its meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2020.

241/19 Urgent matters (for information only).

The Chairman referred to the former Haygate Public House site and referred members to the recently circulated email from Telford & Wrekin Council Planning Enforcement Officer which confirmed that a Section 215 Untidy Land Notice had been served compelling that the landowner comply with the notice, otherwise the Borough Council would be empowered to enter onto the land and proceed to recover any costs incurred.

242/19 To agree date and time of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th August 2020 at 6.00pm.

243/19 Exclusion of Press and Public

It was proposed by Cllr deLauney, seconded by Cllr Luter, and resolved that in accordance with Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the next item of the meeting.

244/19 To receive details of the following pre-application enquiries in Wellington

The Committee received details of the following pre-application planning enquiries and made comments.

Signed

12th August 2020