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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices (Remotely via Zoom) on **Wednesday, 18th November 2020** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Cllr G Luter
Cllr L Jinks
Cllr J Latter

Cllr D Roberts
Cllr S deLauney

In attendance: Andrew Roberts, Deputy Town Clerk, Cllr P Fairclough – Town Mayor (ex-officio) and Cllr P Davis – Deputy Town Mayor (ex-officio).

40/20 Welcome and Introductory Comments

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting.

41/20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Alvey and Cllr G Cook.
Apologies accepted.

42/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

43/20 To confirm the minutes of the meeting – 4th November 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Jinks, seconded by Cllr Roberts and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

44/20 Matters arising from those minutes

Cllr Jinks raised the issue of planning application TWC/2020/0915: Land adjacent to Dothill Primary School and wished her comments were recorded in that she had requested Cllr Tomlinson to return to the Borough Council in order to re-commence negotiations with the owners of the land in order to seek the purchase of the land.

45/20 To consider the Town Council's response to the Telford & Wrekin Council's – Issues and Options Review of the Local Plan

The Chairman referred to this item and reminded members of the recent meeting that had been held with Planning Officers and that the deadline for the submission of responses which had been extended to the 8 January 2021, which provided more time in order for the Committee to prepare its response. He requested member's views on how they wished to deal with the response and any submission. There was a wide ranging discussion on a number of issues that were considered to be relevant including:

Regeneration issues although it was accepted that the major regeneration of the Town was within the ring road.

House building and appropriate design and housing types. This would also include developments that occur outside the Civil Parish area which impact on the infrastructure within the Town

Electronic Vehicle charging provision.

Protection of identified local areas of green space and the protection of other areas.

Public Transport Provision

A review on historic planning applications and land allocations as to whether they remain relevant.

A discussion on whether there was a need for a Wellington Neighbourhood Plan.

It was also discussed as to whether the tourist aspect of the town should be highlighted together with the transport links within the Town and the need for more public transport provision particularly from major development areas outside the civil parish area.

To highlight the current night time economy within Wellington i.e. The Orbit a number of members highlighted the need to identify these and the over reliance of Night Clubs which had been replaced.

The need to highlight the links to areas such as The Wrekin, the Ercall and the Weald Moors which should be reinforced and protected.

Following this discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a response based on this discussion which would be circulated to the Committee members for further review prior to it being submitted to Telford & Wrekin Council as part of the consultation submission.

46/20 Correspondence

None.

47/20 Telford & Wrekin Planning Committee Applications

None.

48/20 Urgent matters (for information only).

None.

49/20 To agree date and time of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 6.00pm.

Signed

25th November 2020