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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

held on Monday 21st May 2018 at
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington HR5 3DP

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. R. Banks
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Widdowson
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. E. Kelso - Clerk
5 members of the public

Agenda item

- 032-18** 1 **Election of Chair**
Cllr. Hawkins was elected Chair of the Committee for the forthcoming year.
- 033-18** 2 **Election of Vice Chair**
Cllr. Wood Johnson was elected Vice Chair of the Committee for the forthcoming year.
- 034-18** 3. **Apologies**
Apologies for absence were noted from Cllrs. E. Banks and C. Forrester
- 035-18** 4 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr. Banks declared an "other" interest in planning application ref. 181238 – agenda item 7 - as the application refers to property owned by a family member.
- 036-18** 5 **Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2018**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- 037-18** 6 **To consider planning applications now due for comment**
- Ref: 181444
 - Site: 1 Church Road, Kington

Dev: Proposed works to a boundary screen of 6/7 mature conifers.

There were no objections to this development

- Ref: 181494
Site: Land adjacent to Spring Cottage, Headbrook
Dev: Proposed land for residential development and associated work together with public open space and green space

It was agreed that this development be referred to the Full Council meeting to be held on 4th June 2018. The Clerk confirmed that an extension has been granted to allow the Town Council to forward observations on this application beyond the published date for comments.

- Ref: 181521
Site: The Island, 2 Island Terrace, Kington
Dev: Proposed two storey side extension

After a brief discussion it was agreed that there were no objections to this development.

- Ref: 181607
Site: The Garth Residential Care Home
Dev: Proposed works to copper beech tree

It was noted that this tree has been the subject of previous applications to reduce the size of the tree which is a distinctive feature in the area. It was agreed to request that the work be carried out sympathetically and that the reduction be as limited as possible.

038-18 7 **To note planning consent under permitted development**

- Ref: 181238
Site: Land at Hergest Croft, Ridgebourne Road, Kington
Dev: Prior notification of proposed building

This application was noted.

039-18 8. **To note planning decisions by the planning authority since the last meeting**

None since the last meeting.

040-18 6. **Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan**

It was noted that work has nearly finished on the final amendments to the draft plan and the next stage will be for the plan to be put to the Full Council on 4th June for final sign off before being sent to Herefordshire Council under Regulation 16. As part of the final arrangements, letters are being sent to all landowners to advise of the amendments to the plan and confirming the next opportunity for comments to be made as part of Herefordshire Council's own six week consultation period before the plan is referred for independent examination.

It was noted that at the current stage, the planning authority are not obliged to take into consideration the contents of the draft Neighbourhood Plan when deciding planning applications. As the draft plan progresses, case law has suggested that some weight can be put on the draft plan as it nears the referendum stage.

Following the examination by the independent examiner, there will be a referendum which is arranged by Herefordshire Council. Whilst the Town Council has no role in the referendum, the Council can, if it wishes, publicise the vote. The referendum requires a simple majority of those voting and a “no” vote means that the plan will fail.

It was agreed that this be discussed further at the full council meeting to consider communication about the Referendum at the relevant time.

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8. **Next Agenda**

There was nothing raised for inclusion in the next agenda.

042-18

9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th June 2018 at 6.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 6.35pm

Signed

Chair of Planning Committee

Date