



PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

7.30pm, Thursday 18th January 2018

Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane

Present Cllrs T Gillespie (Chairman), J Bate, B McEldowney, M Knight, M Shephard, O Sweeting

In attendance Cllr P Baker, Assistant Clerk: J Quinn

1. Apologies None
2. Declarations of Interest None
3. To consider members' requests for dispensation None requested

4. Adjournment for public question time

Cllr Baker addressed the meeting on the subject of paved gardens. He pointed out that there were a large number of front gardens in the parish that have been surfaced, most but not all to accommodate the parking of cars. His main concern was environmental and the affects on flooding in particular. He felt that, given that such work in most cases requires planning permission, there was a need for more control. Cllr Baker concluded that further action is needed and suggested that the views of other parish councils be sought, perhaps through CALC.

Cllr Baker left the meeting at 19.45

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed by the meeting that the subject of paved gardens in agenda item 7 be considered at this point.

Paved gardens

The Assistant Clerk summarised the legislative context and the policy position of Bromsgrove District Council. The issue was discussed during which it was considered that there was a need for more people to be aware of the relevant legislation and the availability of free guidance on the Government's website. Also, given that the underlying rationale for the legislation was the prevention of flooding, that there could be serious implications from the continued surfacing of front gardens in impermeable material. Concern was also expressed about the number of blocked drains in the parish.

It was agreed that:

- When commenting on planning applications for new residential development such comment should include the requirement that front gardens not be surfaced in impermeable material
- The concern of Planning Committee on this issue be included in the Neighbourhood Plan
- The concern of Planning Committee on this issue be raised at the next meeting of the County Association of Local Councils.
- The Assistant Clerk arranges for reference to this issue to be included on the Parish Council's website including a link to the Government's guidance document
- The Assistant Clerk submits a brief entry in the next edition of the Parish Magazine on this matter including the above mentioned link and in particular drawing the readers attention to the flooding implications
- The issue of blocked drains be considered at the next meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee on 8th March 2018

5. Minutes of meeting held 21/9/17

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th December 2017 were accepted and signed.

6. To comment on applications received by the Parish Council

Log No.	Officer	Ref	Address	Post Code	Proposal	Meeting date
714	Jo Chambers	17/01384/FUL	3 Merrill Gardens, Marlbrook	B60 1JA	Two storey side extension	18-01-18
PC comment: The Parish Council have considered the application and have no comment.						

7. To review planning log and provide comment / update including Local Planning Authority decisions, appeals, enforcement actions and outstanding queries.

Log	Ref	Address	Proposal	Meeting date	Comment	LPA Decision
709	17/00975 /FUL	16 Hinton Fields, Catshill	Erection of 2 storey side and rear extension	21/9/17(original PA) 14/12/17 (amended plans)	The Parish Council discussed this application and have no comment.	
711	17/01182 /FUL	493A Birmingham Road, Catshill	Second storey extensions to front and rear	Delegated powers	The Parish Council have considered this application and have no comment.	Approved 5/12/17
713	17/01158/FUL	99 Wildmoor Lane	Provision of 4 number 2 bedroom bungalows and 3 number 1 bedroom bungalow	14-12-17	The Parish Council have considered this application and consider that: the access road should be built to adoptable standards; the proposal is over intensive due to the number of dwellings proposed and that Bromsgrove District Council's Planning Committee should visit the site prior to determining the application.	

715	17/01416 /FUL	Catshill Dance Studio, Gibb Lane, Catshill	The variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and condition 3 (external materials) of planning permission 17/00462/FUL for the conversion of Catshill Dance Studio to 2 dwellings	18-01-18	The Parish Council have considered this application and have no comment.	
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The updated Planning Log was noted.

Members discussed the invitation to Dale Birch of Bromsgrove District Council to attend a future meeting of Planning Committee.

It was agreed that he be invited to attend the meeting on 22 March or, if that is not possible, 19th April.

The issue of paved gardens had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Attendance and venue for the meeting on 30th January at 16.00 hours concerning the Perryfields development was discussed.

It was agreed that Cllrs Gillespie; McEldowney; Baker, Bate, Knight, Shepherd and Sweeting attend and that the meeting be held in the Parish Hall. It was noted that the Assistant Clerk would also be in attendance.

8. Date and time of next meeting: 15th February 2018 at 19:30 hours

This meeting ended at 20:39hrs

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Chairman, Planning Committee

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Date