



**PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**  
 7.30pm, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015  
 Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane

Present Cllr M Knight (Chair), T Gillespie, B McEldowney, O Sweeting

In attendance Clerk: R Powell

1. Apologies Cllr M Shephard
2. Declarations of Interest None
3. To consider members' requests for dispensation None requested.
4. Adjournment for public question time Not required
5. Minutes of meeting held 24/09/2015  
 The minutes of the previous meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were accepted and signed.
6. To comment on applications received by the Parish Council

Log no.	App no.	Address	Proposal
Log 648	15/0807	20 Alvechurch Highway, Lydiate Ash, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	Proposed two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension
PC comment: Members had no issues of concern relating to this application and recorded 'No Comment'			
Log 649	Worcester County Council 15/000035/REG3	Chadsgrove School, Meadow Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 0JL	Proposed two-classroom extension, replacement hard play and associated landscaping works.
PC comment: Members have no concerns about the Schools application but would like it noted that there are concerns about the future of the Greenbelt if the school is closed in the future and the possibility of the land being put to other usage.			

Members engaged in a discussion regarding Green Belt in relation to the application for Chadsgrove School and the implications of it becoming a 'Brownfields' site if ever the school closed, therefore eroding the green belt. It was noted that access the school had provided to view the application was extremely beneficial and well facilitated.

Responses to the above were recorded on the Parish Council's Planning Log and online via Bromsgrove District Council's public access website to this effect.

<http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk/online-applications>

Response in relation to Chadsgrove School was sent via email to Mr Steven Aldridge, Planning Team, Worcester County Council.

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

The planning log was reviewed; members noted recent Planning Authority decision relating to Log number 645 which had been granted.

8. Clerk's Report

8.1 Planning Enforcement have forwarded the query regarding the signage at Lydiate Ash for Singleton's Nurseries to the Community Safety Enforcement Team who have direct action powers for the removal of signs on Highways Land. If it transpires that the signs are not on Highways Land then the Planning Enforcement Team will look at potential action, although the larger sign may get consent.

8.2 The Clerk had not yet contacted the Ombudsman regarding the application for 24 Wildmoor Lane, as this may have had a cost implication but had requested further information from both Helen Jones at Bromsgrove District Council and Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning for further clarification of the situation. It was noted that there had been no erring in the process of the application. Members discussed the application and viewed both this and the previous, smaller application for the site.

**It was agreed** that Members would appreciate the attendance of a Planning Officer at an upcoming committee for more explanation regarding 'terracing' within the community and that the Clerk should organise this.

**Next meeting to be held as and when notified of planning application/s.**

This meeting ended at 20:32hrs.

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Chairman, Planning Committee

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Date