



PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

7.30pm, Thursday 26th November 2015

Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane

Present Cllr M Knight (Chair), P Masters, *M Shephard, O Sweeting

In attendance Clerk: R Powell, one member of the public

1. Apologies Cllr B McEldowney and T Gillespie
*Cllr M Shephard arrived at 19:17 during Agenda Item 8.

2. Declarations of Interest None

3. To consider members' requests for dispensation None requested.

4. Adjournment for public question time
The member of the public that was present took this opportunity to speak to Members regarding a question he had sent to the Clerk and Chairman for consideration at the upcoming Full Parish Council. The minutes of the previous planning meeting (15/11-10) reflected the fact that his question had been shown to Members in order to establish a means of responding and as a catalyst for the creation of a sub committee to look specifically at the Neighbourhood Plan. The Member of the public requested that the minutes of the meeting be amended due to concerns over the process that had been followed with regards to his question including the Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee not allowing discussion of his question. It was explained that the Planning Committee would be considering/have a wider remit in the near future and that the wording of the Terms of Reference did allow more extensive considerations within the committee. The Member of the public apologised for causing confusion by emailing his question and was happy for the fact the conversation had taken place to be minuted, rather than an amendment of the previous minutes.

5. Minutes of meeting held 12/11/2015
The minutes of the previous meeting held 12th November 2015 were accepted and signed.

6. To comment on applications received by the Parish Council

Log no.	App no.	Address	Proposal
Log 653	15/0934	407, Stourbridge Road, Catshill, Worcestershire, B61 9LG	Outline application for conversion of existing property into 2 apartments and construction of proposed dwelling.
PC comment: Parish Council have considered the application and wish to express concerns at this stage relating to parking issues due to the volume of cars for the property.			

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://appview.bromsgrove.gov.uk/online-applications>

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

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The planning log was reviewed; members noted recent Planning Authority decisions relating to Log number 649 and 650 which had been granted.

Members engaged in a discussion regarding affordable housing and felt it would be beneficial in the future to find a breakdown of flats/houses of this nature in Catshill.

8. To receive relevant updates regarding the progress of Community Enforcement in relation to Singletons signage at Lydiate Ash/Halesowen Road

Members noted that the Clerk requested an update and had received correspondence informing the Council that the Enforcement Officer that was dealing with the situation was currently off sick and specific details would be requested on her return. However, it was suggested by the Officer contacted at BDC that as the signs are not illuminated and do not move, they would probably get planning permission and therefore the Officer would probably not pursue it. Members felt a more prudent question was who the land belonged to and suggested that Cllr S Webb be contacted to assist with finding out further information regarding the situation.

Cllr M Shephard arrived during this Agenda Item.

It was noted that at the next meeting Members would discuss the process of dealing with single applications.

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

This meeting ended at 19:20 hrs.

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Chairman, Planning Committee

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Date