



PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
 7.30pm, Thursday 14th January 2016
 Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane

Present Cllr M Knight (Chair), B McEldowney (Vice Chair), P Masters, M Shephard, G Blackmoor

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

1. Apologies Cllr T Gillespie
2. Declarations of Interest None
3. To consider members' requests for dispensation None requested.
4. Adjournment for public question time No member of the public wished to speak
5. Minutes of meeting held 26/11/2015

The minutes of the previous meeting held 26th November 2015 were accepted and signed.

6. To comment on applications received by the Parish Council

Log no.	App no.	Address	Proposal
Log 655	15/0872	45 Golden Cross Lane, Catshill, Worcestershire, B61 0LG	Two storey side and Single storey rear extension
PC comment: Parish Council have considered the application and have no comment to make			
Log 656	15/0982	Topaz Business Park, Topaz Way, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	30 additional car parking spaces at Topaz Business Park
PC comment: The Parish Council have considered this application and objects to its implementation. The grounds for refusal remain valid with the maximum parking standards already being provided and the addition of more car parking spaces encouraging the use of private cars rather than alternative transport into the area. In addition, the 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for Bromsgrove District Council noted that exceedences remain within the Lickey End AQMA's due to road traffic emissions and these currently remain, therefore an increase in pollution should be discouraged.			
Log 657	16/003	300 Stourbridge Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	Two storey side and Single storey rear extension
PC comment: Parish Council have considered the application and have no comment to make			
Log 658	15/1029	572 Birmingham Road, Catshill, Worcestershire, B61 0HT	Proposed single storey dwelling house
PC comment: The Parish Council have considered this application and wish to express concerns regarding the removal of trees in the Green Belt. With reference to section 15 of the Application Form, could a tree survey be carried out in relation to this? In addition, the Council wished to query the address of the property within the Marlbrook area and referred to as 'Catshill'.			

In addition the Parish Council considered Log 659, a re-application as detailed below, that was received following the production of the Agenda but requested a response as soon as possible. Therefore the Council considered it at this point in the meeting under delegated powers.

Log 659	15/1006	99 Wildmoor Lane, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	Erection of 3 no. two storey dwellings with parking and turning area.
PC comment: The Parish Council has considered the re-application and are mindful to accept, with a note that there is an issue with the positioning of refuse bins on collection day as use of the area at the front of the site would cause a blockage to either the access driveway or public footpath causing a highway issue.			

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>

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 decisions relating to Log number 651 which was refused due to the fact that ‘the proposed addition of a fifth dwelling to the wider site would represent overdevelopment of the site, contrary to Policies DS13 and S7 of the Bromsgrove District Local Plan and paragraphs 56 and 57 of the National Planning Policy Framework’. The Council also noted that Log 652 had been granted.

At this point in the meeting there was a request for an update regarding the progress of Community Enforcement in relation to Singletons signage at Lydiate Ash/Halesowen Road. Members noted that in response to further requests for information by the Clerk information had been received stating that the Planning Officers were of a view that, if applied for, the signs would be approved. The criteria that had been applied was Highways Safety and harm to amenity and the consensus from them was that the signs would get permission. In response to the Clerk’s concern that this could mean any sign could therefore potentially be erected anywhere, the Officer had commented that not all signs would be permitted and that action would be taken if necessary. A further query had been as to whose land the signs were on and it was stated by the Officer that they were unaware of whose land it was but that it was not Highways or Council property. Members of the Parish Council were not satisfied with this as a response and noted that the smaller sign must be on Highways land due to its location on the grass verge next to the road. It was noted that to this point no official complaint had been received from a resident regarding the signs.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact District Councillor Helen Jones and ask for assistance with the matter, requesting her view on the signs and asking if Singletons could be approached to see if permission had indeed been gained.

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

This meeting ended at 20:40 hrs.

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Chairman, Planning Committee

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Date