

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM REMOTE MEETING

MINUTES

19 January, 2021

Present

Councillors:

Cllr Cleeve
Cllr Curtis
Cllr I Fradgley
Cllr J Fradgley
Cllr Jackson
Cllr Lee
Cllr Taylor

Planning Consultant: Mr Neil Pearce, Avon Planning Services was not present as there were no items deferred from the Chairman's Actions Meetings.

Minutes Clerk: Mrs J Mayes

Public: The meeting was streamed live on YouTube for members of the public to watch.

Elizabeth Dixon, Richard Lees

Registered Speakers: Colin Stewart, Chairman of Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group (TTG)

Press: The meeting was live streamed on YouTube for members of the Press to watch.

372 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dyer and Cllr Dowling.

373 Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda

Cllr Cleeve, Cllr Jackson and Cllr I Fradgley declared an interest in agenda item 5.C minuted as point 392.C. Cllrs Cleeve and Jackson are Trustees of the Town Trust. Cllr I Fradgley has received contact about the consultation from several residents and is also a committee member for Stratford Sports Club, which due to its location near the recreation ground may be impacted by any proposed changes.

374 To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests

None were received.

375 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None were received.

376 Public Participation of non-agenda items on matters under which the Council has control or is a consultative body

No members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting.

377 Consultation Presentation on Pre-Planning Applications

None were received.

378 To approve Open Minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 15 December 2020

The Minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 15 December 2020 were approved as a correct record. The Chairman requested that the Chairman's electronic signature be added to the minutes by the Clerk.

379 Town Clerks Open Report

List of planning applications deferred from Chairman's Actions meeting on 13 January 2021 with any additional items deferred from Chairman's Actions meeting on 18 January 2021

The Chairman noted that no items had been deferred from the Chairman's Actions meeting or the Additional Chairman's Action meeting.

380 To note action by Town Clerk after consultation with Chairman Deputy Chairman (or their substitutes) & Avon Planning Services on 13 January 2021

1	20/03116/LDE	53 St Andrews Crescent
2	20/03331/FUL	Haysel, Kissing Tree Way, Alveston
3	20/03320/FUL	18 Fordham Avenue
4	20/03037/FUL	5 Old Town
5	20/03574/FUL	112 Tiddington Road
6	20/03247/FUL	35 Percy Street
7	20/03291/FUL	12 Heron Lane
8	20/03288/FUL	23 Brookvale Road
9	20/03590/TREE	Rookery House, The Rookery, Alveston
10	20/03163/FUL	4 Warwick Crescent
11	20/02889/FUL	Drayton Manor Farm, Alcester Road
12	20/03202/FUL	17 Main Street, Tiddington

13a	20/03554/VARY	The Woodlands, The Rookery, Alveston
13b	20/03555/VLBC	The Woodlands, The Rookery, Alveston
14	20/02070/FUL	5 Exhall Close
15	20/03463/FUL	31 Eton Road
16	20/03574/FUL	112 Tiddington Road
17	20/02980/ADV	30 Henley Street
18	20/02710/ADV	The Maybird Centre, Unit A, Birmingham Road
19	20/03507/TREE	The Tryst House, Cottage Lane, Shottery
20	20/02472/TPO	Land Off, Birmingham Road
21	20/03194/FUL	34 Townsend Road
22	20/03117/FUL	3 Shelley Road
23	20/03204/FUL	35 Edgehill Drive
24	20/03442/FUL	203 Clopton Road*
25	20/02845/FUL	Garage Blocks, Redlands Crescent
26	20/03533/FUL	157 Evesham Road
27	20/03621/TREE	The Tryst House, Cottage Lane, Shottery
28	20/02388/FUL	Neville Court, 2 Avenue Road (Welcombe)
29	20/03407/FUL	10 East Green Drive
30	20/02682/FUL	Bancroft Gardens, Waterside
31	20/03656/TREE	12 Avonfields Close, Alveston
32	20/02155/FUL	Burnside Hotel, Church Lane, Shottery*
33a	20/03541/FUL	The Owl House, Shottery
33b	20/03542/LBC	The Owl House, Shottery

34	20/03351/FUL	25 West Street
35a	20/03586/COUC	10 Bridge Street
35b	20/03568/FUL	10 Bridge Street
35c	20/03573/FUL	10 Bridge Street
35d	20/03567/ADV	10 Bridge Street
36	20/03725/TREE	The Paddocks, Alveston Leys, Alveston
37	21/00066/DDT	Alveston House, Mill Lane, Alveston
38	20/02750/FUL	7 Benson Road
39	20/03538/FUL	21 Verney Drive
40a	20/03541/FUL	The Owl House, Shottery
40b	20/03542/LBC	The Owl House, Shottery
41	20/02455/FUL	16 Yeats Road
42	20/03717/LBC	30 Henley Street

*Applications to which the PCC have objected.

The actions were noted. The Chairman's Actions' meeting was conducted remotely between Cllr I Fradgley, Cllr Taylor and the Planning Consultant on 13 January 2021. The Additional Chairman's Actions' remote meeting on 18 January 2021 took place between Cllr I Fradgley, Cllr Taylor and the Planning Consultant.

390a. The Chairman reported that there are currently no street trading applications pertinent to the Town Council.

390b. The Chairman reported that there are currently no licensing applications pertinent to the Town Council.

382 Notices of decision

Decisions were noted.

383 Any other business to report

383 a Presentation by Colin Stewart, Chairman of the Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group (TTG)

The Chairman explained that Colin Stewart had replaced Mr Deegan as Chair of the Stratford upon Avon Town Transport group in September 2020 and had been invited to talk to the Committee about the role of TTG. Colin began his presentation by giving some background on his work experience. He outlined the defined objectives of the group which are to review and discuss all issues pertaining to relevant transport modes in the town with the aim that transport services benefit all users. The Group has detailed terms of reference which are to (i) review and discuss all issues relating to transport in the town; (ii) point out inconsistencies in current policies and procedures which need to be resolved; (iii) act as a sounding board for policies and procedures being developed by the local authorities and the Neighbourhood Development Plan; and (iv) carry out research on key issues and then prepare papers summarising their findings. Colin explained the membership of the group, which includes the local MP or their representative. He concluded that the group is quite a powerful thing to have, offering a unique forum to bring together disparate groups to help achieve an integrated transport system for Stratford upon Avon. The TTG offers an opportunity to provide technical assistance and could add value as a sounding board to be approached before public consultation stage. It is there to assist all three councils.

The Mayor noted that he attends TTG as an observer and had been very impressed with the expertise knowledge on the group. He asked if the group have funding to undertake research work or whether this would be undertaken on a voluntary basis. He also noted that the TTG is not a decision making body and asked if the group were comfortable that they have the ear of the decision makers and if they were not what the Town Council could do to help. Colin responded that the offer to provide expertise for research was available, although if an extensive amount of time was needed to spend on research it may require funding. He confirmed that the group were comfortable they have the respect of local councils. A Cllr asked if representation on the group was evenly split across different modes of transport. Colin confirmed that it was. He welcomed the opportunity if available to engage on a detailed level at looking for a solution to managing traffic crossing the bridges. He also noted that the TTG had not been approached about the reopening of the line to Honeybourne but could consider this. The Chairman thanked Colin for his presentation.

383 b Re-opening lines and new passenger services, Stratford-upon Avon – Honeybourne – Worcester/Oxford:

The Chairman noted that the PCC were being asked to consider whether Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council wishes to provide funding towards economic studies regarding re-opening lines and new passenger services between Stratford-upon-Avon – Honeybourne – Worcester/Oxford.

Cllr J Fradgley noted that this is a difficult topic finely balanced between those who are in favour of reopening the line against those who are opposed. She also noted the current financial situation makes it difficult to take on more financial commitment to projects. The Chairman confirmed that the item will be on the next Town Council meeting and that the PCC committee was being asked to give its view as a recommendation. Cllr Lee noted that the recent finance and scrutiny meeting had already discussed ways to reduce the version 7 budget, which did not include an allocation for this funding. Cllr Curtis noted that the feasibility study offered an opportunity to look at alternatives to new roads and whether they were viable. Whilst account should be taken of public opinion he expressed concern that delaying funding may delay dealing with the issue of finding an integrated transport strategy for Stratford upon Avon. Cllr J Fradgley responded that two feasibility studies on reopening the line have already been undertaken and the Council should consider the background about what the study intends to do before committing finances to it, particularly given the current financial situation. It would be useful to see the terms of reference of the feasibility study and share this information with the TTG for their expertise.

It was Proposed Seconded and

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the PCC recommends that the Town Council seeks more information from relevant bodies to inform its decision and any decision to provide funding would have to wait until next financial year.

383 c Stratford Riverside Project (Appendix 'A' – 'B');

Cllr Lee gave an overview of his draft comments submitted as Appendix A in response to the Stratford Riverside Project consultation. He recommended that the response should prioritise key aspects suggested within the consultation and highlight items that the Town Council is not supportive of. He noted that one key issue is how to cross the river. If the consultation proposes greater interaction along the river the issue of how people cross the river needs to be solved, in particular how people cross at Lucy Mill's Bridge and the Tramway Bridge. The second issue is parking. The consultation proposes a big transport change for Stratford and consideration needs to be given about how this works and its impact on the town. More information is needed on how the trails proposed on the Northern side of the river will be delivered. The LEP money that has been awarded already will need to be spent by 2022.

Cllrs debated the consultation. Concern was expressed about expanding the Fisherman's car park and the impact of having increased numbers of people

walking through the area known for its remoteness and bio diversity. Cllr Curtis noted that evidence to support some claims in the consultation should be made available. He expressed concern that adding coffee shops in the northern area of the riverside would increase litter in the area and noted that public works of art should be of high quality. Cllrs also discussed the option to add a road accessing the end of the leisure centre car park from Warwick road rather than expanding the Fisherman's car park.

Cllr Lee confirmed that Councillors had no objection to the response setting out main priorities, highlighting the need to focus on pedestrian access across the river, did not support the expansion of the Fisherman's car park but were more supportive of a road accessing the leisure centre car park. The Chairman noted that there were three aspects to the consultation and care must be taken on how the central area is managed, particularly for cyclists. . He agreed to email the response from the TTG so that the committee is aware of TTG's views on the matter. The Chairman also noted that the response should pay heed to the Warwickshire Wild Life report on the proposals for the north section of the river, circulated as Appendix B. Cllr Lee will finalise the consultation response, which will be circulated to members of the committee before it is submitted

The Mayor noted that the consultation emphasises the value of public consultancy. There are lots of ideas and nothing has been agreed. He encouraged any viewers watching the meeting to submit their comments to the consultation which ends on 31 January 2021.

383.d Draft Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The Chairman referred to the draft Gypsy and Traveller SPD which is available for consultation on the SDC website until Friday 19 February. The consultation relates to planning for accommodation including where it may be suitable and what proposed sites should look like. Cllrs agreed to consider the consultation as a group and discuss their response at the next meeting.

384 Chairman's Verbal Report

There was no verbal report.

385 Requests for Alterations of Recommendation

There were none.

386 To register, when necessary, a representative from the Planning Consultative Committee to virtually attend the Stratford District Council Planning Meeting on Wednesday, 3 February, 2021 at 6:00pm and/or Wednesday 17 February, 2021 at 6.00pm

The Chairman reported that a decision on whether a representative is required will be taken when the agendas are published.

387 To appoint substitutes for the next Chairman's Actions on 3 February 2021, if required

Cllr Taylor agreed to be a substitute for the next Chairman's Actions meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.19pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 6.00pm.

Signed:
Chairman of Planning Committee