

# PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting of Planning Committee

held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in The Pavilion, Pontesbury

### PRESENT:

Cllr A Hodges (Chairman); Cllr D Fletcher; Cllr N Lewis; Cllr M Trow; Cllr R Evans; Cllr N Hignett; Cllr D Jones

Members of the Public: 0

In attendance: Debbie Marais, Parish Clerk (on zoom)

14.22 **Election of Vice Chairman** - after a proposal from Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Lewis, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Fletcher be elected as Vice-Chairman for the Planning Committee.

15.22 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Pritchard, Cllr D Gregory, Cllr L Charles

16.22 **Declaration of Interest in Accordance with the Code of Conduct:** None received.

17.22 **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** After a proposal from Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Trow, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, be approved and signed as an accurate record.

18.22 **Public Questions and Comments:** - None

### 19.22 Planning Applications

19.22.1 **Planning Decisions for Pontesbury Parish Council Area:** Planning decisions for the area were duly **NOTED**.

19.22.2 **Planning Applications for Pontesbury Parish Council Area:** The Planning Committee considered the applications put before them and made the following decisions:

Planning Reference	Comments
22/02455/PAAFC	No requirement to comment as proposed development now involves a considerably reduced area
22/02648/AGR	Information only
22/02406/FUL	PC support this proposed development which will result in improved appearance to existing dwelling, the proposed extension is well designed and there is no significant change in character of the dwelling or impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties
22/02541/FUL	PC support the removal of the existing structure as the proposed development will lead to a visual improvement and is an appropriate design for an agricultural setting. The size is in keeping with existing large house and adjacent agricultural building and will not be intrusive in the landscape. The PC note with approval the ecology report and provisions for important fauna in the area.

19.22.3 **Applications for Tree Preservation Orders:** None received.

**20.22 Shropshire Council’s Draft Housing Allocation Policy for Consultation – Comments from Pontesbury Parish Council.**

The Planning Committee considered the comments approved and submitted following the 13<sup>th</sup> June Full Council meeting and the Shropshire Council response to those comments was **NOTED**. Councillors were pleased to see that the importance of considering those people who do not have access to IT. Cllr Lewis wished to stress again the importance of houses being allocated for local people.

**21.22 Planning Training:** The Chair of the Planning Committee fed back to the committee the response from Shropshire Council Officer Tracy Darke (AD Economy & Place, Shropshire Council) regarding enforcement. Cllrs raised their concerns about the following;

- i) Importance of local representation and knowledge in relation to enforcement issues
- ii) Lack of information fed back to parish councils about enforcement action taken

Deputy Clerk would be asked to address these issues with Tracy Darke and for her response to be added to the August planning agenda

Character of an area: The Chair of the Planning Committee led a discussion about the importance of whether or not a development preserves or enhances the identity of a place and how to assess what the local character of an area is.

**22.22 Neighbourhood Plan.** The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is currently with the planning consultants. The Committee would recommend to full council at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July that there should be an Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council in August to approve the Regulation 15 document if it is returned before the September meeting.

**23.22 Date of Next Meeting.** The date of the next meeting is **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at 6.30pm in the Pavilion, Hall Bank, Pontesbury SY5 0RF.**

Signed .....

**Chairman: Cllr Allan Hodges**

Date: .....

Meeting closed at 20.00pm