

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Planning Committee

held on 5th September 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; Cllr J Pritchard, Cllr D Gregory

Members of the Public: 0

In attendance: Nicola Young, Deputy Parish Clerk

PLAN 33.22 **Apologies for Absence:** The Committee were informed that Cllr Hignett would be arriving late.

PLAN 34.22 **Declaration of Interest in Accordance with the Code of Conduct:** The following Councillors declared an interest and did not provide comments on the Draft Empty Homes Strategy:

- a. Cllr Duncan Fletcher
- b. Cllr Nick Hignett
- c. Cllr John Pritchard
- d. Cllr Michelle Trow

PLAN 35.22 **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** After a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Lewis, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings, held on 1st August 2022, **be approved and signed as an accurate record.**

PLAN 36.22 **Public Questions and Comments:** No public present

PLAN 37.22 Planning Applications

PLAN 37.22.1 **Planning Decisions for Pontesbury Parish Council Area:** Planning decisions for the area were duly **NOTED.**

PLAN 37.22.2 **Planning Applications for Pontesbury Parish Council Area:** The Planning Committee considered the applications put before them and made the following decisions:

Planning Reference	Comments
22/03592/FUL	SUPPORT – Pontesbury Parish Council support this application on the basis that that in terms of the location, size and use it will be ancillary to the main property. The proposed development will not have a significant impact on the setting and listed building nearby.
22/03783/VAR	SUPPORT – Pontesbury Parish Council support the proposed external changes to the property which will not make a significant difference to the already approved plans. The internal changes provide greater convenience and flexibility in the use of the internal spaces. NB: The proposed changes to Plot No. 1 rear elevation do not correspond with the proposed floor changes. Pontesbury Planning Committee assumes any alteration to the approved access is still subject to further consideration.

PLAN 37.22.3 Applications for Tree Preservation Orders:

22/03641/TPO	SUPPORT – Pontesbury Parish Council support the work detailed in this application which is required for maintenance and in the interest of the neighbour's amenity.
22/03642/TPO	SUPPORT – Pontesbury Parish Council support the work detailed in this application which is required for maintenance and safety of playground users.

1904 Cllr Hignett arrived for the meeting

PLAN 38.22 Draft Empty Homes Strategy: Comments from Pontesbury Parish Council to be put forward in response to Shropshire Council's request for comments are as follows:
"Pontesbury Parish Council welcome and agree with the basic objectives of the proposed Draft Empty Homes Strategy. This parish council hope that Shropshire Council will provide sufficient resources to take this strategy forward. We also hope that Shropshire Council will contact Town and Parish Councils as soon as possible to ensure they can notify Shropshire Council of houses that create problems in the area."

PLAN 39.22 Planning Training: 1928 Cllr Pritchard left the meeting
The planning training discussed the recent amendment to the National Planning Policy Framework. The Chairman distributed a list of significant amendments, especially regarding design. The NPPF states "beautiful places are designed with local character in mind". The Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan states what the local character is.

PLAN 40.22 Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is in Regulation 15 position. Regulation 14 was the consultations with parishioners, where 140 responses were received. Regulation 15 is when the Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan is handed over to Shropshire Council, where the Plan undergoes a further 6-week consultation. Following this 6-weeks Shropshire Council then consider the comments.
The Plan is then sent to the Planning Inspector, where it is double-checked to make sure the document is valid. The Planning Inspector then makes recommendations to Shropshire Council, who will or will not take up these recommendations.
Shropshire Council then organise a community referendum – this is when hard work will be required by all Committee members. The Plan will need to be kept in public view, including in newsletters and social media.
The Planning Committee recommend that Full Council give final approval to the Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan.
Thanks from the Council Chairman were passed onto Cllr Allan Hodges and Cllr Michelle Trow who had put a huge amount of work into developing the Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan.

PLAN 41.22 Date of Next Meeting. The date of the next meeting is **Monday 3rd October 2022 at 6.30pm in the Pavilion, Hall Bank, Pontesbury SY5 0RF.**

Signed **Chairman: Cllr Allan Hodges**

Date: