

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of Planning Committee
Held at Pontesbury Public Hall
7th October 2019 at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr A Hodges (Chairman), Cllr D Fletcher, Cllr N Hignett, Cllr S Lockwood, Cllr P Bradbury, Cllr J Pritchard

Members of the public present: two

In attendance: Cllr D Jones, Cllr R Evans

CLERK: Debbie Marais

P47.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Brian Morris, Cllr D Gregory, Cllr N Lewis

P48.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - None

P49.19 MINUTES OF COUNCIL

The minutes were submitted and circulated as read. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the **Planning Committee meeting held on the 11th September 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

P50.19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Agent for application 19/04171/OUT raised the following points in explanation and support of the application;

- The applicant is third generation from Pontesbury and wishes to live in Pontesbury to support his parents
- The outline application is for two affordable properties with a legal agreement in place to keep both at a percentage of market value. One property for the applicant and one for a local person with local need.
- The applicant is confident that they can maintain access to the definitive footpath
- The applicant is seeking support for the application from Pontesbury Parish Council

P51.19 PLANNING DECISIONS

A schedule of decisions made between 5 and 30 September 2019, in relation to applications for development within the Parish Council's area, was received. **RESOLVED: That the schedule be noted.**

P52.19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL AREA

RESOLVED: That the following comments be submitted to the Shropshire Council Planning Authority:

- a) 19/03745/FUL | Erection of a small garage/workshop shed to be used for external storage | The Paddock 11 Pontesford Hill Pontesbury Shropshire SY5 0UH

Comment: The Parish Council supports this application for an useful addition to the house. The design is appropriate and the proposed development well screened by high hedges so as not to stand out prominently in the landscape

- b) 19/04131/FUL | Erection of general purpose agricultural building | Polesgate Farm Pontesbury Hill Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 0YL

Comment: The Parish Council supports this much needed agricultural building in principle but would recommend moving the building nearer to the farm house, ie

positioning it where there is a long building shown on the map, which no longer exists. We have slight concerns about the height of the building but happy to accept if the height shown is necessary for the intended use of the building.

- c) 19/04171/OUT | Outline application (all matters reserved) for the residential development of two affordable 'exception site' dwellings | Plot Adjacent Waverley Cottage Pontesbury Hill Road Pontesbury Shrewsbury Shropshire

Comment: The parish council reluctantly objects to this application due to a lack of information about future occupancy of the second property and insufficient demonstration of housing need to qualify under current planning policy.

P53.19 APPLICATIONS FOR TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- a) 19/04124/TPO | To Fell 1no Silver Birch tree protected by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Hinton Lane, Hall Bank and Station Road) Tree Preservation Order 2005 | Station House Station Road Pontesbury Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 0QY

Comment: The Parish Council reluctantly support this application for the felling of a tree which is an admired adornment to the streetscene. The council accepts that it does pose a significant threat to the structure of the drains. It is the council's policy to strongly recommend a replacement tree within the site for environmental reasons.

- b) 19/04025/TCA | To Fell 1No Goat Willow, 1No Golden Conifer and 1No Ash Tree within Habberley Conservation Area | High Fields Habberley Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 0TP

Comment: The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that there is insufficient evidence supplied which justifies the need to fell the trees. The council would welcome a report from a qualified tree surgeon to support the need for felling

P54.19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr A Hodges gave a verbal update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. A final draft of the detailed questionnaire will be discussed at the next meeting and then a plan put in place to ensure every household receives one and there is a good completion rate. Report **NOTED**.

P55.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4 November 2019 at 6.30pm at Pontesbury Public Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm .

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair