

Present Cllrs A Kelly, P Masters, M Shepheard, G Witcomb

In attendance Clerk : Mrs G Lungley

In the absence of the committee chairman it was agreed Cllr G Witcomb to chair the meeting.

1 Apologies Cllrs Mrs G Blackmoor (council business), M Knight (business commitments)

2 Declarations of Interest None

3 Adjournment for public question time

No adjournment required.

4 Minutes of meeting held 27/11/2008

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

5 Planning Notifications

Members commented as follows:

Log no.	Application no.	Address	Proposal
425	08/1059	238 Stourbridge Road B61 9LE	Proposed single storey side extension, two-storey rear extension and alterations to the roof (resubmission of 08/0883). (Comment already submitted via delegation)
Comment submitted after consultation with committee members and under delegated powers, 29/12/08:- The Parish Council would submit the same comments as for 08/0883, ie that this constitutes over-development and there are concerns regarding the car parking, ie inadequate provision for appropriate number of cars to be parked at the property. Car parking provision in this area is at a premium and reduction of parking spaces should be avoided where possible.			

426	08/0947	28 Gibb Lane, Catshill B61 0JP	Two illuminated box halo signs to display prices of goods for sale
<p>Comment submitted 09/01/09:- This is a retrospective application for advertising hoardings that are out of place amongst the predominantly residential buildings. The Parish Council has a number of concerns, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public safety is compromised as the lit area may encourage groups/gangs to gather in the vicinity; 2. The hoardings are not an integral part of the building, they are at a distance from the shop premises; 3. The hoardings and the advertisements contained therein may prove to be a hazardous distraction to drivers at this vulnerable part of Gibb Lane which is near to a primary school entrance and school crossing; 4. The lighting from the hoardings could be a nuisance to neighbours; 5. This is a predominantly residential area, there are no other retail outlets in the immediate vicinity. The hoardings are therefore out of keeping with the character of the street scene; they would not be out of place if in a row of other shops, but this is not the case here. 			

6 Appeal Notifications None

7 Planning Authority Decisions

Log no.	Application no.	Address	Proposal	BDC Decision
420	08/0820	Land off Dale Close	100% affordable sustainable housing	Refused
421	08/0840	Furniture by Reynolds Stourbridge Road	Change of use from mail-order business to display & sale of furniture	Allowed

8 Clerk's report on previous issues

E-government BDC confirmed that paper copies of plans would not be issued to parish councils except in respect of large developments when a copy would be made available on application until March 2009. At a recent Parish Forum meeting with BDC it was suggested that Parish Councils invest in projectors to link in with laptop computers so that plans could be displayed at meetings in a larger format and information had been provided on sources of funding, eg Awards 4 All. **It was agreed** to pursue this avenue; Cllr A Kelly would help with pricing.

9 Items for discussion at next meeting

BDC Core Strategy : to respond to the consultation; response required by 16/02/09. Draft strategy available to view www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/corestrategy or copy available from the clerk.

Committee Terms of Reference : to review.

Website information : to review the information relating to this committee.

10 Date and time of next meeting : Thursday 29th January 2009, 7pm

This meeting ended at 7.40pm.

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Signed
Chairman, Planning Committee

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Date