

LEIGH & BRANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 August 2021, 7.00pm at Leigh & Bransford Memorial Hall

Present: Mr D Fereday (chair), Mr B Porter, Mr P Ralph, Mrs A Oliver, Mr J Sharp, Mr R Husband, Mr M Hinchliffe, J Barker (clerk) 12 members of the public

1. Apologies: Mr P King, Mr G Jones

2. Declaration of Interests - None

Closure of meeting for open forum

A Malvern Rise representative asked when the Malvern Rise Management Co would receive the £500 grant agreed at the previous parish council meeting. He was advised to contact the clerk so that arrangements can be made for payment. He also requested an update on the NDP. Mr King had given apologies, but it was confirmed that he anticipated the Reg 14 pre-submission will be available on 3rd September. In relation to item 4, 21/01287/OUT he noted the following:

- Malvern Rise will need to give permission for both surface and foul water drainage systems to be connected through Malvern Rise land to existing drainage systems.
- Gate access to a field adjacent to the new development was on Malvern Rise land and should be removed from the application.

3. Matters arising from previous planning minutes: None

4. Applications discussed:

MHDC Ref No.	Proposal Details	Location	PC Recommendation	Notes
21/01287/OUT	Outline application for up to 45 residential units including 12 self/custom build units and associated infrastructure (All matters reserved except access)	Land at (OS 7794 5048) Lower Interfields Malvern	RH proposed refusal, JS seconded, Unanimous – refusal is recommended	See note 1.
21/01256/FUL	Erection of two self-build dwellings	Land at (OS 7894 5264) Suckley Road Leigh	MH proposed refusal, RH seconded. 5 in favour of refusal, 2 abstentions. Carried - refusal is recommended	See note 2.

Note 1. The parish council recommends refusal of application 21/01287/OUT on the following grounds:

- The plan is contrary to the SWDP and NPPF
- The plan disregards the Significant Gap policy
- It ignores the availability of a site promoted by MHDC
- There have been a large number of comments from residents overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal
- It would set a precedent for further development encroachment into the Significant Gap
- Contrary to the statement made in the application there is a lack of public transport. No services to Malvern and very poor service to Worcester making commuting to work and access to shops, evening entertainment and medical services dependent upon private cars.

Note 2. The parish council recommends refusal of application 21/01256/FUL on the grounds that the land was cleared of important habitat for local ecology and there is no plan to replace felled trees and enhance biodiversity once the build has been completed

5. Planning decisions received from MHDC

21/00784/FUL	Brookend Kennels	Conversion to form 2 dwellings	Refused
20/01039/HP	Orchard Barn, Crowcroft	Conversion to create annex	Approved
21/00935/HP	4 The Corbetts, Leigh Sinton	Replacement extension	Approved
20/01105/FUL	Land at Teme Lane	Change of use to holiday let caravan	Approved

6. Neighbourhood Development Plan Group
Mr King had given apologies but had confirmed he anticipated a Regulation 14 Pre-submission release on Friday 3rd September.
7. Other Business
Mr Sharp reported:
- The chestnut tree in Rectory wood is dead and needs to be removed as reported in the last parish council meeting. A quote for £375 from Mr Crankshaw, the contractor who has previously worked in the wood, was considered. Mr Husband proposed it be accepted, Mrs Oliver seconded, approved unanimously.
 - The Rospa report for Leigh Hurst play area noted the path is uneven and could pose a tripping hazard. Two quotes for the removal of the path and replacement with turf were considered – for £700 and £595. It was proposed that the undamaged slabs be used to provide a base for the picnic table in Rectory Wood. Mrs Oliver proposed the quote for £595 from Mr Crankshaw be accepted, Mr Husband seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - He updated the parish council on the current plans for the telephone kiosk book exchange in Leigh Sinton. As soon as the necessary repairs have been carried out the management will be handed over to community volunteers.
 - The 30mph speed reduction stickers have been ordered and he has been trying to contact District Councillor Sarah Rouse to arrange jointly co-ordinated distribution to residents in Leigh Sinton.
10. Date of next meeting:
Parish Council – Tuesday 28 September, 7.00pm, Leigh & Bransford Memorial Hall

Signed



Date

28/9/21