

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on Monday 3rd March 2025

In attendance: A Hodges, M Trow, D Jones, A Windows, N Hignett, D Fletcher, D Gregory,
Clerk to the Meeting: Nicola Young
Four members of the public in attendance

PLAN 72.24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies of absence were received from: Cllr Roger Evans and Cllr Neville Lewis.

PLAN 73.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT None received.

PLAN 74.24 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE After a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Trow, it was agreed that the minutes of the Planning Meeting of 3rd February 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record, with an amendment to remove Cllr Hignett from the Attendance List.

PLAN 75.24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –

- a. **Smelting Works – Drainage** – Victorian brick built draining works has collapsed. Trying to move the drainage forward, but Shropshire Council are not quite sure on how to determine the change to the drainage – from a 9 inch culvert, interrupted by a tree, to 5 x 225mm pipes to take the flow from the hill and from the next property. Shropshire Council planning officers are not happy with the silt build up – new chambers have been installed. Draining works completed in June 2024, prior to the flooding. Owners have met with engineers, installed underground pipes with a greater swale, but the silt built up flooded Wynnstay and the neighbours.
- b. **Clifton House** – development to the rear of the property. Development removed topsoil, which has affected beech trees with TPOs. Local tree surgeon attended, and a report was produced which states that it is a dangerous fungus that has caused the problems and the tree will become unsafe within the next 2 years. Prior to the development the orchard was dry, now following rain the site is flooded since the development has been built. Cllr Fletcher reported that he has previously spoken to Mr Preston, advised that this was not a parish council matter and has advised Mr Preston to come to a meeting, and has provided the Shropshire Council Tree Officer email address to follow up with the local authority.

PLAN 76.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 76.24.1

PLAN 76.24.1 Planning Decisions for Pontesbury Parish Council Area- none received.

76.24.2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. PLANNING REFERENCE: 25/00356/LBC

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Installation of electric vehicle charging point **LOCATION:** The Oaklands , Chapel Street, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury

SUPPORT Given the intended site of the EV charging point, it will have a negligible impact on the appearance and setting of the Listed Building.

b. PLANNING REFERENCE - 25/00592/VAR

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Variation of Conditions No. 1, 8 and 9 attached to planning permission 23/03945/VAR dated 7th December 2023

LOCATION: - The Old Smelting Works, Pontesford Hill, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury

SUPPORT – our experience through the last winter, following the flooding of storm Ashley, which contributed to excess highway water, with the works that have been carried out by the developer and engineers since, the drainage system now works far better than it has done previously, to our local knowledge. Therefore, we emphasize the importance of a site visit as soon as possible.

Arrange a meeting with all parties on site. Cllr Hignett to attend this meeting and the following Shropshire Council officers to be invited:

Alison Titchmarsh – Planning Officer / John Bellis – Draining & Flood Risk Manager,
Helen Walters, Open Watercourse Officer - Emma Green, Head of Planning

c. PLANNING REFERENCE: 25/00667/CPL – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed single storey rear extension, single storey porch to front elevation, alteration and addition of doors and windows and external wall insulation with render over existing brickwork

LOCATION: Windyridge , Habberley Road, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

76.24.3 APPLICATIONS FOR TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS - none received.

PLAN 77.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Planning Committee is **Monday 7th April 2025** at 6.30pm and will be held in the Pavilion, Hall Bank, Pontesbury, SY5 0RF

PLAN 78.24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC After a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Gregory, and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following business, on the grounds that the information could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

PLAN 79.24 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT Planning Enforcement matters, for CONFIDENTIAL information ONLY, was brought to the attention of Planning Committee members.

Meeting ended at 1930

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....