

E07/07.

Built Environment

to work in partnership with the Unitary Authority to monitor and improve public facilities and services. To report and play an active part in the resolution of areas of concern.

Business Plan Report

Councillors referred to the progress report on objectives for the Built Environment
Noted

- **Madeley Centre Development**
Subject to s106 agreement, Madeley Parish Council has secured £24,000 towards street lighting improvements on High Street/Court Street.
- **South Telford Regeneration and Accessibility Scheme**
Confirmed that scheme bid (£3.7m) did not meet exceptional maintenance criteria and will not be resubmitted. Capital schemes are outwith the Highway Maintenance strategy for 2007-08. Schemes should be brought forward for the Capital Works Programme 2008-09
- **Vehicle Disposal**
Approach to agent to act for sale of Electric Vehicle was unacknowledged. It was proposed to dispose by gift (Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust or T.C.A.T.) or sale. With no suitable auction venue, Members agreed to register e-bay account.

07.1 Regeneration Forum

to consider proposals for District Centre Regeneration funding

The Regeneration Forum meeting held on June 11th 2007 was advised that draft criteria for the disbursement of funding for District Centre regeneration (£20,000 for each Partnership and £115,000 for the Community Fund) had been presented to Telford & Wrekin Council legal and financial services. Availability of funds was scheduled for September 2007 - resources will be directed by the Regeneration Forum.

07.2 Path Sweeping

to receive interim report on scope and specification

The Deputy Parish Clerk presented a report on the current progress of discussions for delivery of service in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council including illustration of area coverage and service frequency for both path sweeping and litter collection.

Demonstration vehicle had been viewed by Chair and Officers to confirm accessibility, manoeuvrability, and performance. Flexibility to perform road sweeping was requested and confirmed. Provisional specification had been agreed (Johnston Sweepers Compact C200) for costing.

Coverage and target service frequency would be discussed with Telford & Wrekin Services Ltd. and zone delivery monitored after implementation.

E07/08.

Natural Environment

to work with partners and the local community to improve the wildlife value and public enjoyment of the natural environment in the parish.

Business Plan Report

Councillors referred to the progress report on objectives for the Natural Environment
Noted.

- **Madeley Community Orchard**
Management Plan adopted – office copy filed

- **Green Spaces**
Consultants, Planit Design, had produced final report on Green Spaces Strategy for Woodside. Summary report and recommendations presented for information.
- **Footpath Extinguishment**
Order for Extinguishment of Definitive Footpath 149 (between Park Street and South Drive) confirmed June 15th 2007
- **Footpath Obstruction**
Under provisions of the Highways Act 1980 s130, Madeley Parish Council has formally requested that Telford & Wrekin Council take action to remove obstruction to Footpath access to Meadow Pit Mound at Meadow Cottages –padlocked gate topped with double strand barbed wire and sign stating ‘No Right of Way’. Initial deadline for response had passed without action – reminder issued.
- **Local Nature Reserve**
Declaration of Lodge Field and Granville extension referred to Telford & Wrekin Council legal services.
Madeley Court LNR declaration scheduled for 2007. Request for inclusion of Tweedale Woods and extension to include Meadow Pit Mound and Blists Hill Pit Mound under single management plan to be submitted.
It was noted that Shropshire Wildlife Trust had received grant funding from Heritage Lottery Fund to employ Telford Green Network Officer.

08.1 Telford Town Park

to consider options for Telford & Wrekin Council's 'Parks for People' Lottery bid
Members were advised that the bid for external funding was under review and that the consultation was postponed until further notice.

08.2 STROWP

to receive presentation on forward business plan

STROWP Project Officer presented a short report on the current work of the Partnership and its proposals for future development.

Promotion, publicity and events continue successfully with demand at a high level and the ‘Young Explorer’ and other guided walks programmes popular. All Public Rights of Way in the Partnership area have been subject to periodic survey of condition, the ‘Gateway’ project with Severn Gorge Countryside Trust has realised access improvements, and minor maintenance is programmed with BTCV Green Gym and West Mercia Probation service.

Finance threatens the continuing viability of the Partnership. Officers are examining evolution into a South Telford Environmental Partnership (STEP) which would attract a wider spectrum of external funding opportunities. Whilst the core duties of STROWP would be retained (essential to take account of the forthcoming publication of Telford & Wrekin Council's ‘Walking Strategy’ and ‘Rights of Way Improvement Plan’), the scope would extend to undertake a broader brief of environmental management of green space linked by the Rights of Way network in South Telford. This would be achieved through increased community participation and through developing access, interpretation, education and enhancement.

Councillors noted that the STROWP project had a clear remit from member Parish councils to define, maintain, and promote public Rights of Way – its objectives still needed to be fulfilled. STEP would need to be properly scoped and planned for delivery to the community.

E07/09.

Planning

to protect community interests and where possible, gain community benefit through an active response to planning applications and preparation of a development brief for supplementary planning guidance.

Business Plan Report

Councillors were referred to the progress report on objectives for Planning
Noted.

A register of planning applications received was circulated to members weekly.
A report of representations made under delegated authority was presented for information.

Major planning applications under consideration were:

W2007/0683 + W2007/0684

Telford Hotel & Golf Club, Great Hay Drive, Sutton Hill

Erection of a 30 bed block, new conference facility with 12 bed block attached, new car parking areas and erection of a free standing glazed canopy

W2007/0753

Land at junction Castlefields Way/Woodside Avenue, Woodside

Erection of a new 900 child academy for years 11-16 with vocational training centre, gate house, 3no. freestanding and 6no. roof mounted wind turbines, 5no turf and 4no. 5-a-side floodlit pitches, 1no. floodlit athletics track and construction of a new vehicular/pedestrian access

W2007/00780

Land off Park Lane, Woodside

Erection of a 53no. unit Extracare facility with associated communal accommodation.

It was suggested that Madeley Parish Council hosts a public exhibition of plans for the proposed development of Madeley Academy.

09.1 Planning Enforcement

The Deputy Parish Clerk presented a report on Planning Enforcement (Appendix A) that detailed outstanding enforcement action for non-compliance with planning regulations in the Severn Gorge Conservation Area.

Two cases that originated in 2004 had previously been the subject of formal complaint procedure in February 2006 and remained unresolved.

Resolved:

that Madeley Parish Council issues Stage 1 complaint of undue delay in enforcement action in Cases 1-3.

Resolved:

that a copy of Planning Enforcement Report 2006 be requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

E07/10.

Heritage

to work with partners to promote, improve and protect the heritage of Madeley Parish in general and the designated World Heritage Site in particular.

Business Plan Report

Councillors were referred to the progress report on objectives for Heritage
Noted.

- **Lee Dingle Project**

Land ownership of the former Shropshire Canal (T&WC), Lee Dingle Bridge (T&WC), and Bagguleys Wynde (part T&WC) confirmed. Licensing agreements for conservation work on industrial heritage sites referred to Legal Services.

Ownership of unregistered section of Bagguleys Wynde is to be investigated.

E07/11. Correspondence

11.1 National Association of Local Councils
Department for Communities and Local Government
Consultation on Planning for a Sustainable Future
Noted.

E07/12. Information
There was none.

E07/13. Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Parish Council is scheduled for Monday, October 8th 2007 at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley, commencing at 6.30pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

Dated:

(Chair)

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

In February 2006, Madeley Parish Council submitted formal complaint to Telford & Wrekin Council against service performance on Planning Enforcement in the Conservation Area.

The complaint (ref: 304721) was investigated by the Business Unit Manager, Development & Design). It was explained that the problem of increased workload due to legislation and the rising number of complaints. Telford & Wrekin Council advised that "it is planned to address this situation" (see copies of correspondence attached)

Assurances were given that enforcement action would proceed in respect of:

- Case 1 – Premier Stores – unauthorised signage
- Case 2 – Pizza Palace – installation of unauthorised flue

It should be noted that currently outstanding enforcement cases are:

- Case 1 – Premier Stores – originated July 2004 (see above)
Breach of Condition Notice issued 16.06.2006
- Case 2 – Pizza Palace – originated September 2004 (see above)
- Case 3 – Dreams Hairdresser – originated August 2006. Installation of satellite dish
- ~~Case 4 – The Old School House – originated September 2006. Compliance with Planning conditions (landscape planting). Confirmed discharged June 2007~~
- Case 5 – Woodside Roundabout – originated April 2007. Compliance with prior approval conditions for telecommunications base station (screen planting). Scheme implementation by Telford & Wrekin Council

Up-date

- Case 1 – Informed that Breach of Condition Notice related to installation of security shutters not original concern at unauthorised signage. Confirmed planning consent required for external and internal signage.
- Case 2 – Environmental Health Officer has discussed reduction of height of extraction flue installed without planning permission. Advised work 'imminent' in February 2007, and later stated to be legal problem with enforcement
- Case 3 – Occupier advised planning consent required or removal of installation – November 2006. Submitted for enforcement action in February 2007 and advised for completion May 2007. No change.
- Case 5 – Telford & Wrekin Council asked to provide details of planting scheme and allocation of tree stock provided by applicant

Madeley Parish Council has sought a copy of report on Planning Enforcement 2006 presented to Plans Board in March 2007. This request has not been granted.

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