

**MINUTES of the meeting of Planning Committee held at  
The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,  
Hereford on Friday, 3rd June, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:** Councillor T.W. Hunt (Chairman)  
Councillor J.B. Williams (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: M.R. Cunningham, P.J. Dauncey, D.J. Fleet, J.G.S. Guthrie,  
J.W. Hope MBE, B. Hunt, Mrs. J.A. Hyde, Brig. P. Jones CBE,  
Mrs. R.F. Lincoln, R.M. Manning, Mrs. S.J. Robertson, D.C. Taylor and  
W.J. Walling

**In attendance:** Councillors J.W. Edwards, J. Stone and R.M. Wilson

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Davis, R.I. Matthews and Mrs J.E. Pemberton.

**2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)**

Councillor Ms. G.A. Powell was appointed named substitute for Councillor R.I. Matthews:

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April, 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

**Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan – Public Inquiry**

The Public Inquiry into objections to the UDP had opened in Hereford on February 8th and was expected to close on June 24th. The Inspector had dealt with almost 4,000 objections with some 25% of these having been heard at the Inquiry through formal and informal hearings. The remaining 75% of objections were being addressed by written representations. The final day would be hearing objections into flooding at Ewyas Harold, at the end of which the Inspector would close the Inquiry. The Inspector's Report should be available towards the end of the year.

**Staffing and Recruitment**

Staffing levels were approaching full establishment with two new enforcement officers in post and a third one due to commence shortly. Two of the officers had been recruited internally.

There were some excellent applicants for the post of Development Control Manager and an appointment had been made with the new officer due to take up his post on

15th August, 2005.

**6. NORTHERN AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the report of the meetings held on 20th April, 2005 and 18th May, 2005 be received and noted.

**7. CENTRAL AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the report of the meeting held on 4th May, 2005 be received and noted.

**8. SOUTHERN AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the report of the meeting held on 11th May, 2005 be received and noted.

**9. DCNW2005/1029/F - ERECTION OF DETACHED DWELLING AND GARAGE LAND ADJOINING THE FORGE, LINGEN, BUCKNELL, HEREFORDSHIRE, SY7 0DY FOR: MR & MRS P BARNETT, BRYAN THOMAS ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN LTD AT THE MALT HOUSE SHOBDON LEOMINSTER HEREFORDSHIRE HR6 9NL**

**RESOLVED:**

**That consideration of the application be deferred pending a site inspection on the following grounds.**

- (a) the character or appearance of the development itself is a fundamental planning consideration;**
- (b) a judgement is required on visual impact; and**
- (c) the setting and surroundings are fundamental to the determination or to the conditions being considered.**

**10. MINERALS POLICY STATEMENT 2: CONTROLLING AND MITIGATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF MINERALS EXTRACTION IN ENGLAND (MARCH 2005) (MPS 2)**

An information report was received by the Committee about Minerals Policy Statement 2 which had been issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as part of its programme of modernising the Planning system. It was noted that the Statement had been issued following a detailed consultation process and that it had superseded Mineral Planning Guidance Note II "The Control of Noise at Surface Mineral Workings" (1993). The officers appraisal about each aspect of the Statement and its implications for the extraction of minerals in Herefordshire was noted. Copies of the Statement and related annexes had been placed in the Members Room at Brockington.

**RESOLVED THAT the report be received and noted.**

The meeting ended at 10.09 a.m.

**CHAIRMAN**