

Report for Full Council meeting 16th January 2018

8 Planning

Application or enforcement number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Reply by date
TWC/2018/0008	Land adjacent 6 Chapel Road, Jackfield, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7LU	Felling of 2no. Silver Birches Trees and 1no. Sycamore Tree	26/01/2018
TWC/2018/0003	14 Belmont Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7QT	Reduction in height of front wall and the installation of 0.95 metre railings	24/01/2018
TWC/2017/1049	Site of Lincoln Grange Nursing Home, Lincoln Hill, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire	Subdivision of 1 no. residential unit into 2 no. residential units with minor alterations to the fabric of the building (Listed Building application)	23/01/2018
TWC/2017/1048	Site of Lincoln Grange Nursing Home, Lincoln Hill, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire	Subdivision of 1 no. residential unit into 2 no. residential units with minor alterations to the fabric of the building (Full planning application)	23/01/2018
TWC/2017/1034	2 Crown View, Hodge Bower, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7BF	Erection of a rear conservatory	23/01/2018

Decisions

TWC/2017/0793 The Valley Hotel, 22 Buildwas Road, Ironbridge, Telford Shropshire, TF8 7DW listed building consent

Comment from planning officer

I write with regard to your parish council's comment following the re-consultation on the amended proposals on the above applications. Whilst the comments made regarding 2 different styles of signage being proposed are understandable, officers do consider that in the circumstances, there would be no harm caused.

It is considered that the proposed scheme is a vast improvement to both the initially submitted scheme and to the existing signage. The proposed brass signs on the side of the existing hotel and the boundary wall are considered to complement the heritage asset. It is considered that the 2 freestanding signs would be inappropriate in brass and would not be easily visible. The proposed wooden signs are a vast improvement to the existing Best Western signs but still

allow them to have their corporate branding and colours visible.

The council's built heritage conservation officers agree and have no objection to the scheme and therefore, I can confirm that the applications have both been put forward for approval.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

TWC/2017/0792 - The Valley Hotel, 22 Buildwas Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DW Advertisement granted

TWC/2017/0666 - 11 New Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7AU Full granted

TWC/2017/0940 - Police Station, Dale End, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DS Trees in conservation area granted

TWC/2017/0943 - 27 Church Hill, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7PZ Trees in conservation area granted

TWC/2017/0926 - Car Park, The Wharfage, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire Full Granted

TWC/2017/0896 - Brackenwood, Barnett Leasowes, Ironbridge Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7NB Full granted

TWC/2017/0871 - Woodlands, Lincoln Hill, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7NY Full granted

TWC/2017/0756 - 24 & Four Winds, Madeley Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7RA Full granted

TWC/2017/0873 - Land rear of Ye Olde Robin Hood, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire Withdrawn

TWC/2017/0937 - Preenseddy Picnic Site, Coalport Road, Coalport, Telford, Shropshire Trees in conservation area granted

TWC/2017/0935 - Sutton Wood, off Sweeney Drive, Coalport, Telford, Shropshire Trees in conservation area granted

TWC/2017/0934 - Woodland adjacent The Shakespeare Inn, High Street, Coalport, Telford, Shropshire Trees in conservation area granted

TWC/2017/0928 - Dale Coppice, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire Trees in conservation area granted

TWC/2017/0990 - 12 Hodge Bower, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF87QG

9 e SLCC membership

Thank you for applying to be a full member of the Society. You will soon receive your membership pack which will contain your membership number and a copy of the latest edition of The Clerk magazine.

A summary of your membership is as follows:

Membership level: Full Membership
Name of person in membership: Colette McCabe
Organisation: The Gorge Parish Council
Status of membership: Processed and Pending
Subscription start date: Tuesday 09 Jan 2018
Subscription end date: Monday 31 Dec 2018
Total Membership Fee: £185.00
Joining fee £15.0

Please use this email as your invoice

11 PET project budget

As part of the PET scheme TGPC has a fund of £7000 to use for projects. The 2017-2018 allocation has not been spent and it would be preferable to do so this financial year. Cllrs are asked to consider projects that might enhance their wards that might be undertaken.

12 Borough Councillor pride fund grants

As agreed at the last GPC Full Council I provide below a breakdown of my Cllr Pride funding allocations for 2017.

£400 – Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival

£200 – Secret Severn Arts Trail

£150 - Lodge Field Group Community Calendar

£250 – Walking Festival

£400 – Severn Gorge Countryside Trust for tree clearance work

£600 - Primary School CBD & Ironbridge

13 Snow response

It was agreed that TGPC would contribute to the review of the response to the recent significant snow event that affected the area on 2017. Nic Lowery as

borough councillor for Ironbridge Gorge is also involved in the same exercise. The papers for this meeting include the TWC policies for gritting and grit bins. In order to ensure that all concerns are addressed to avoid duplication or exclusion of suggestions, thus creating unnecessary extra work for officers, it would be helpful if TGPC and the borough councillors work together on this initiative. Some residents will have contacted TWC direct but if TGPC and borough councillors work together on this hopefully everything will be covered. TGPC has not been informed if the Lightmoor borough councillors are undertaking a review, but if so, a joint approach would be useful.

Maureen wrote an initial review see below.

Review of recent severe weather actions

Thanks should be recorded to all the council operatives, Nic (Borough Councillor), snow wardens and many residents for all their hard work in maintaining the safety of the roads and pavements during the recent snow storm.

Road gritting

This is the current map of roads to be gritted by T&W -

http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/1811/gritting_routes

The recent experience has shown that there are additional local areas which we should ask to be included. There are serious issues with the lack of access to Darby Road as there are many elderly residents in the bungalows who need daily Social Care and there is no alternative access to these properties. There is a documented case of serious concern over the lack of this care during the recent event.

Grit refill

There was a good response from T&W to requests for re-fill of boxes

Some grit was used for private drives which is not permissible

Some confusion as to whether the role of snow wardens is to use their salt supplies for roads or pavements.

Some resident expectations of the role of snow wardens was too high – they should not be expected to clear roads, especially in dangerous locations.

Some bins are still empty – we need to ask Ralph to note these and get them refilled.

Additional Grit boxes

Many residents have asked for additional boxes.

Do we want to collate a list of suggested locations?

How much do we want to add to our budget for grit boxes and refill costs?

The current guidance is:

Application process

A technician will then assess the site based on the following risk assessment:

Bends

Bends on steep gradients where the result of loss of control of a vehicle would be significant i.e. injury to occupants, pedestrians or significant damage to the vehicle. In determining severity the likely speed of the vehicle needs to be taken into consideration.

Junctions

In general this will be at a minor road joining a major road where the down slope would cause a vehicle to carry on into the path of an oncoming vehicle on the main road. In determining severity the likely speed of the vehicle needs to be taken into consideration and if the resultant loss of control of a vehicle would be significant in terms of injury to occupants, pedestrians or damage to the vehicle.

If the assessment does not show that the location is a high risk site and if the request is from a Parish Council or Community Group then a grit bin can be provided if a contribution is made towards its provision and annual filling costs. Currently the costs are £100 to install and £40 per annum to fill

Email from Nic Lowery

I am just contacting TGPC following on from my Borough Cllr update at your last meeting regarding the snow issues we experienced. As mentioned during my update, I do feel officers at Telford & Wrekin Council did a fantastic job in very difficult circumstances and have written to the Council to offer my thanks. Following on from the snow we experienced, I have also made contact with officers to see how we can look at the lessons learnt from the recent snow to ensure we take a proactive approach to how things could be improved to prepare for future snow events.

From speaking with officers on this, they are happy to receive any thoughts and ideas to feed into this process and to assist on collating this information for the Gorge I feel it would be helpful for officers to receive this as one submission. I am therefore both keen and happy to work with the Gorge Parish Council on this and for you to submit any ideas or comments to me to pass onto officers along with my own thoughts as part of their review.

From following the events there are significant calls for the Council to grit and plough more roads and footpaths than they currently do. However, it is not possible to grit or snow clear all roads and footpaths in the Borough and any requests for additional routes or grit bins must be considered against the

Council's adopted and approved Winter Service Policy which I attach for your reference.

One area that I will be looking at is gritting routes and the location of grit boxes and I copy the below to the Council's grit boxes and gritting routes FYI for you to consider. I also attach the grit bins policy.

http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20047/winter_service/522/grit_bins

http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/1811/gritting_routes

In addition to this, from speaking with officers they understandably do feel there is a need to manage expectations around the effectiveness of grit, essentially grit just lowers the temperature at which water freezes therefore the snow needs to be cleared to prevent further frost and ice appearing, this was apparent whereby the footways along the Gorge are gritted and have been treated numerous times since the snow fell but with less people walking on it the snow takes longer to thaw.