

LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Committee Room 1, Guildhall, Lichfield, at 6.30pm on Thursday, 2 February 2017

PRESENT: Councillor B Cocksey (Chairman), and Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, J Brooks, D Dundas, I Eadie, Mrs J Eagland, Mrs J Greaves, Mrs S James, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, P Ray, D Smedley, A Thompson, M Thompson, C Spruce, Mrs L Warfield, M Warfield and R Yardley

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Awty, Mrs G Boyle, C Greatorex, P Hitchman, T Matthews, B McMullan and A Smith

89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Those City councillors present who were also members of the District Council's Planning Committee and/or Licensing Committee confirmed that their comments at this meeting were a preliminary view and that they might change their view when they heard all of the evidence at the District Council's Planning Committee and/or Licensing Committee.

Councillors Mrs J Eagland, D Leytham, A Thompson and R Yardley declared an interest in Application 16/01305/FUL as Councillors R Yardley is a volunteer at the premises, and Mrs J Eagland is a County Councillor. Councillors D Leytham and A Thompson are applicants. So left the room during the discussion and voting thereon.

90 MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

91 APPEAL NOTICES

An Appeal Notice has been received for the erection of 3 no 2 bedroom houses and associated works at land rear off 67-79 Beacon Street. The City Council's comment on 11 August 2016 was "No Objections"

RESOLVED: *That the Appeal Notice be noted.*

92 STREET NAMING

Consideration was given to correspondence from Lichfield District Council regarding naming 7 new roads on the former Hepworth site.

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk writes to the District Council suggesting that Roads 1 and 5 are combined into one road so 6 road names are used. The suggested names are 5 from Barrett, Cain, Kilby, Thomas, Vallentin and Wassall, who are VC winners from the Staffordshire Regiment who are all now deceased. An additional name of Watery Lane is suggested for Road 7 as it is a very small cul-de-sac directly off Watery Lane.*

93 CAPPERS LANE

Further to Minute No 5 (Planning Meeting dated 19 May 2016) and No 21 (Planning Meeting dated 30 June 2016) Tim Heminsley from Staffordshire Highways reported that Severn Trent Water (STW) commissioned a highways laboratory to carry out a rolling straight edge test (this tests the ride quality of the road surface). The results of which showed the trench on Cappers Lane had passed. However, the County Council has queried these results and the lab that carried out the testing wasn't UKAS accredited (a recognised accreditation system for highways labs). The County Council is now looking to carry out its own rolling straight edge test once it has found funding for it.

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk contacts the local County Highways office to request details of likely costs and an indication of when funding could be in place for this test.*

94 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- 1** *That the decisions of Lichfield District Council on planning applications as listed on Agenda Appendix 'B' be received and noted.*
- 2** *That recommendations be submitted to Lichfield District Council in respect of planning applications as listed in Appendix 'A'.*

95 SANDFIELDS PUMPING STATION

Councillor D Dundas informed members that the keys to Sandfields Pumping Station have been handed over and the official opening will take place at 3pm on Sunday, 26 February.

96 TRAFFIC LIGHT PHASING

Councillor A Thompson expressed concern over the phasing of traffic lights at George Lane, Greenhill, Birmingham Road and St John Street.

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk writes to Staffordshire County Council requesting them to reassess the phasing of the traffic lights.*

97 GRANGE LANE/EASTERN AVENUE JUNCTION

Councillor P Ray expressed concern at the dangerous junction at Grange Lane/Eastern Avenue.

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk writes to Staffordshire County Council urging action to alleviate the problems at the junction of Grange Lane/Eastern Avenue.*

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.25PM

CHAIRMAN