

LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Committee Room 1, Guildhall, Lichfield, at 6.30pm on Thursday, 23 February 2017

PRESENT: Councillor D Smedley (in the Chair), and Councillors B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, J Brooks, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, Mrs J Greaves, P Hitchman, Mrs S James, C Spruce, Mrs L Warfield, M Warfield and R Yardley

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, R Awty, Mrs D Baker, Mrs G Boyle, B Cocksey, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, T Matthews, B McMullan, A Thompson, M Thompson and A Smith

98 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Planning Committee, nominations to Chair the meeting were invited. Councillor D Smedley was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Greaves and Seconded by Councillor Mrs S James.

RESOLVED: That Councillor D Smedley Chair the meeting of the Planning Committee in the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman

99 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.

100 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

101 APPEAL DECISION

An Appeal Decision was received ALLOWING: Removal of buildings and other structures and construction of up to 750 dwellings, primary school, care village, local neighbourhood facilities to include retail development (use classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5), community building (use class D1), parking, comprehensive green infrastructure comprising formal and informal open space, footpaths, cycle ways, water areas (also including sustainable drainage systems) and landscaping, new access points to Watery Lane and Netherstowe Lane and improvement to Netherstowe Lane (all matters reserved except points of access) at land north east of Watery Lane, Curborough. The City Council's comment on 13 February 2014 was "*Recommend Refusal; the site has been considered and rejected in the emerging Local Plan for a variety of sound reasons. It would form an incongruous development spur into open countryside on a greenfield site, and the access via Watery Lane (with its narrow skew railway bridge) and the very narrow Netherstowe Lane, are totally inadequate to meet the requirements of such a large development.*"

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Secretary of State expressing the concerns of the City Council regarding the decision.

102 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Members considered Lichfield District Council Premises Licences as per agenda Appendix C.

RESOLVED: That the Premises Licences be noted.

103 WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Consideration was given to correspondence from Staffordshire Highways regarding proposed waiting restrictions on the following roads:

- a) Vulcan Road
- b) Beaconfields, Lillington Close, Swinfen Broun Road and Seckham Road
- c) Gaia Lane
- d) Boley Lane, Roman Way, Carmichael Close, Broad Lane, Maryvale Court, Sheriffs Ride, Witley Drive, Valley Lane, Hobs Road, Darnford View, Scotch Orchard, A5192 Eastern Avenue, St Michael Road, Partridge Croft, Lunns Croft and Smithfield Rise

RESOLVED: That the Ward Councillors consider the proposals in their area and forward their comments back to the Town Clerk for submission.

104 STREET NAMING

Further to Minute No 92 [Planning Meeting dated 2 February 2017] concerning naming streets on the former Hepworth Site. Lichfield District Council have stated that it has been suggested that the 7th road be named after 'Watchman' after the Staffordshire Regiment mascot.

RESOLVED: That members endorse the suggestion of the name of 'Watchman' for the 7th road.

105 ST MICHAEL ROAD

Councillor D Dundas expressed concern that St Michael Road had been cordoned off.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk writes to Staffordshire County Council requesting details of the closure, and asking that the City Council be informed of works in the city before they start.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.03PM

CHAIRMAN