

BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and Government Guidelines on public gatherings, the meeting was held virtually on Zoom

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: D. Cotton (Chairman)
P. Adams
M. Sutherland
A. Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor B. Jones
Mrs T. Williams (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies and reasons for absence from Councillor R. Turville and Councillor Mrs M. A. Turville were received and accepted.

Apologies were received from County Councillor P. Hewitt

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To declare interests for this meeting:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Councillor A. Pearson	Member of Cannock Chase Council's Planning Control Committee	Personal

Councillor Pearson told the Committee that he would not be commenting on the planning applications under discussion.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21 July 2020 were approved as a correct record.

The Chairman shared his observations on what appeared to be inconsistencies in the planning system in Brindley Heath. An application for a small extension with no sensitivity issues had recently been refused and a sizeable swimming pool enclosure in a location close to the SAC had been awarded planning approval.

The Committee considered inviting the Development Control Manager to a future meeting of the Council to talk about the planning process and to ask about planning queries previously raised.

Chairman's Initials

14/2019-21

Councillor Jones suggested the parish council ask the Development Control Manager to respond to a list of general concerns in writing. The key concerns could then be discussed on Zoom to avoid waiting for a face-to-face meeting to be possible.

4. PLANNING OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: To confirm the following observations submitted to Cannock Chase Council:

Application Number: CH.20/04/709M

Location: Rugeley Quarry, Stafford Brook Road, Rugeley

Development: Planning application: CH.20/04/709 M to not comply with (to vary) condition numbers 3, 8, 14, 15, 35, 53 and 60 attached to planning permission no: CH.00/0577 & S.400/18 to revise the phasing of the winning and working of sand and gravel at Rugeley Quarry, Stafford Brook Road, Rugeley

Observations forwarded to Staffordshire County Council on 20 August 2020:

The Parish Council's Planning Committee would ask that the County Planning Department consider the following points:

1. *There should be a threshold for the total number of lorries travelling to and from the site.*

No further applications from third party companies should be considered for the remaining life of the quarry as each brings with it further traffic movements. The incidental operations at the quarry give rise to far more lorry movements than pure export of washed sand and gravel by Cemex. The caps at all the operations based at the quarry must not change.

2. *The prevailing road conditions particularly on Bower Lane should be surveyed to ensure they are safe and suitable.*

3. *The size of vehicles running to and from the site. Do the vehicles have a larger load capacity now?*

4. *Any change to the planned phasing of works to gain the gravel must be considered only if an acceptable Health and Safety plan is attached and a revised reinstatement document produced and agreed.*

5. *The County Council should insist that Cemex set up fixed local residents liaison group meetings which it has not previously made a commitment to arranging.*

Application Number: CH/20/268

Location: 23 Kingsley Wood Road, Rugeley

Development: Front and rear extension

Observations forwarded to Cannock Chase Council on 17 August 2020:

No objections

Application Number: CH/20/294

Location: 90 Brindley Heath Road, Rugeley

Development: First floor side extension above existing garage and kitchen/utility room

Observations forwarded to Cannock Chase Council on 7 September 2020:

Chairman's Initials

15/2019-21

No objections

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no planning applications for consideration.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

There were no planning decisions to report.

7. UPDATES ON OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Tackeroo Campsite

The Development Control Manager advised (in an email dated 12 June 2020) that it was his belief that festival type events at the Tackeroo Campsite would have been held under the permitted development rights for Temporary Changes of Use of Land under Part 4 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (general Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

Councillor Adams advised the Committee that he recalled the Forestry Commission being given planning permission for a small caravan site for overnight stays, with no facilities or amenities. He will keep looking into this but will also add the item to the list to raise when a meeting is arranged with the Development Control Manager.

Cemex Quarry

Now that the new Land & Estates Manager (South) has been appointed at Cemex, the parish council would like to arrange a meeting with Councillor representatives (when possible). The Committee agreed that public community meetings should have been arranged by Cemex to discuss quarry related issues.

Councillor Sutherland advised the Committee that the General Manager at Cemex will always take calls relating to vehicle speeding issues. He has also found the Regional Manager to be approachable.

Councillor Pearson reported that someone has set up a commercial venue with what looks like greenhouses on the Rugeley Road near the pools.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 December 2020. It is possible that the meeting will be held remotely on Zoom.

Signed.....

Chairman of the Planning Committee,
Councillor D. Cotton

Date.....

Chairman's Initials

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