

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER
ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Evans (in the Chair)
Councillors Bradbury, Mrs Brettell, Constable, Drinkwater, Heath, Humphreys, Isaacs, James, Mosson, Norman, Taylor, Mrs Tranter, Willis-Croft and Mrs Woodward.

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Administrative Assistant
One member of the public

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Brown, Campbell, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Rigby, Mrs Stokes and Walker MBE

71. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All District Councillors present wished it to be recorded that their views were a preliminary view and one they may change when they hear all the evidence at the District Council's Planning Committee.

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee Meeting held on 02 February 2012 (Minute Nos. 64 - 69) be approved and adopted.

73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED That the following comments be submitted to the Local Planning Authority:

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| (a) | 11/01335/COU | Chasetown | Mr G Singh
Lambourne House
Bridge Cross Road
Burntwood | Conversion of first floor
from snooker hall to 4
two bedroom apartments |
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No objections in principle provided that, as there are public buildings attached to this application site, an adequate fire escape is provided in respect of Unit 1, Lambourne House.

(BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS APPLICATION AS THEIR PREMISES ARE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION SITE).

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| (b) | 11/01425/FUL | Chase Terrace | Mr M Carter
Land rear 27 High Street
Chase Terrace | Erection of a four bedroom detached dwelling and associated works |
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Concern was expressed with regard to this 'backland development' as the application site is situated on a slight corner (access/egress) and in close proximity to an electricity sub station. The Local Planning Authority to ensure that neighbours amenities are not adversely affected.

Members were informed that this application will be 'called in' by Chase Terrace Ward Members.

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| (c) | 12/00016/FUL | Highfield | Kings Security Limited
1 Lichfield Road
Burntwood | Installation of ATM (cash machine) |
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Concern was expressed with regard to the inadequacy of parking at this location and Members felt that this was a retrospective planning application as the ATM was already in situ.

Members would be interested to learn what Staffordshire County Council, as the Highways Authority, views were on this application.

Members were informed that this application will be 'called in' by Highfield Ward Members.

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| (d) | 12/00046/FUL | Chase Terrace | Mr M Bagley
31 High Street
Chase Terrace | Two storey side extension to form garage, lounge, hall, bathroom, two bedrooms and en suite |
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Concern was expressed that should the Local Planning Authority be minded to approve the application, Members ask that the following issues be considered:

- Character of the development/impact on the street scene.
- To ensure that neighbours amenities are not adversely affected.
- Size of the development in connection with the original dwellinghouse/massing.

Members felt that the plans provided were not very clear and were therefore difficult to assess.

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| (e) | 12/00054/FUL | Highfield | Mr and Mrs Steventon
2 Bramble Lane
Burntwood | Two storey side extension to form kitchen and bedroom with en-suite |
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Concern was expressed with regard to the over intensification of the site and 'overshadowing' of adjoining property.

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| (f) | 12/00055/FUL | Highfield | Mr S Glover
Nether Lane Farm
Nether Lane
Burntwood | Demolition of existing building and erection of a new livestock building |
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No objections.

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| (g) | 12/00063/FULM | Chasetown | J E Dillon Properties LLP
7-9 High Street
Chasetown | Change of use and extension of existing offices to form 11 no. flats with associated works |
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Concern was expressed that should the Local Planning Authority be minded to approve the application, adequate parking for 11 flats must be provided and the impact on the existing car park should be taken into account.

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| (h) | 12/00090/FUL | Chase Terrace | Mr J Pucci
43 Gullick Way
Chase Terrace | Single storey rear extension to form dining room and creation of new parking area adjacent existing garage |
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The Local Planning Authority to ensure that neighbours amenities are not adversely affected.

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| (i) | 12/00099/FUL | Summerfield | Mrs E Howells
34 Ferndale Close
Burntwood | Single storey rear extension to form bedroom, WC and lobby |
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No objections.

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| (j) | 12/00160/FUL | Chase Terrace | Mercia Construction Ltd
Retirement & Death Benefit Scheme
Land adj 193 Cannock Road
Chase Terrace | Erection of 7 dwellings (comprising 4 flats and 3 houses) and associated works |
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Comment: Whilst the Town Council supports the proposal in principle and that any improvements to this area should be encouraged, Members asked that affordable starter homes be provided on the site, that the public footpath be retained and that neighbours amenities are not adversely affected.

74. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

74.1 Appeal by Mr R Darby

**Proposed Development: Erection of 3 No. Dwellings and Associated Works (Outline: Layout and Access)
Land Adjacent to 236 Chase Road, Burntwood
Inspectorate Appeal Ref. Nos. APP/K3415/A/12/2168029 and 2165199
(Minute 68.1 refers)**

Members asked what the current situation was with regard to this appeal.

74.2 Enforcement of the Highway Code (Minute 69.2 refers)

Members reiterated that the Police have a responsibility under the Highway Code to enforce illegal parking on footpaths within the Burntwood area. Members noted that a reply had not been received from the Police since the last meeting.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) That a further letter be sent to Inspector White, with a copy to Ruth Plant, Director – Operational Services, requesting that the Police enforce the Highway Code throughout the whole of Burntwood.
- (2) That the Police and Lichfield District Council be invited to a meeting of the Town Council to discuss their responsibility under the Highway Code.

74.5 Spar Shop, Cannock Road, Burntwood (Minute 69.3 refers)

Members noted and welcomed Mr Papadopoulos's offer to either attend a meeting to speak with Members or for them to meet him at the shop.

RESOLVED That Ward Members take up the offer to attend a meeting with Mr Papadopoulos in the first instance.

74.6 Tesco Express, Cannock Road, Chase Terrace (Minute 50.2 and 69.1 refer)

Members were informed that Lichfield District Council Enforcement Officers and Environment Health Officers were due to visit the site on 27 February 2012 after giving Tesco a deadline of 24 February 2012 to clear the car park to an acceptable standard.

74.7 Aldi Stores Limited, Bridge Cross Working Mens Club, Bridge Cross Road (Minute 67(d) refers)

Members noted that a response had been received from Aldi Stores Limited and they welcomed the fact that Aldi recognised the importance of maintaining a landscaping scheme.

74.8 Illegal Banners - (Minute Nos. 45.4, 50.3 and 57.3 refer)

Members were informed that the Ironing Board Company banner in Morley Road was in situ again.

RESOLVED That this matter again be reported to the Enforcement Officer at Lichfield District Council.

(The Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.)

Signed

Date