

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER, BURNTWOOD
ON THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Drinkwater (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Bradbury, Ms Brettell, Brown, Mrs Fisher, Heath, Humphreys, Isaacs, Mosson (from 7.10 p.m.), Norman, Taylor, Mrs Tranter, Walker MBE, Willis-Croft and Mrs Woodward.

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Administrative Assistant

J Roobottom, Technical Assistant, Operational Services, Lichfield District Council

1 member of the public

PRESENTATION BY MR JOHN ROOBOTTOM, TECHNICAL ASSISTANT, OPERATIONAL SERVICES, LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL - CIVIL ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

Councillor Drinkwater welcomed Mr John Roobottom to the meeting. Councillor Mrs Woodward stated that she had previously received an email indicating the number of parking notices issued in Burntwood and it appeared that Burntwood does not get its fair share of Enforcement Officers. Mr Roobottom confirmed that Burntwood is included in the regular beat pattern and due to the fact that the CEO's for the whole of southern Staffordshire deploy from the depot at Ring Road it also has a lot of informal visits if they happen to notice anything blatant when they are on their way to other areas. The CEO's have also started occasional night patrols and Burntwood is also picked up in these. Mr Roobottom stated that they only have a total of 64 hours enforcement time per week for the whole District so the amount of time spent in any area will be limited. With regard to parking notices issued Mr Roobottom confirmed the difference in the number of penalties issued between Lichfield and Burntwood lies in the very different natures of the communities with many times the number of visitors and vehicle movements, not to mention parking prohibitions and restrictions in Lichfield compared to Burntwood. The main parking problems in Burntwood are associated with schools and figures show that more schools in Burntwood are patrolled than Lichfield.

Councillor Norman asked for the exact figure/percentage for the amount of time spent in Burntwood. Mr Roobottom confirmed that this percentage would be obtained and forwarded to Members. Councillor Norman stated that parking of vehicles on footpaths on junctions seems to be a growing trend particularly in Water Street. Mr Roobottom confirmed that parking mainly by disabled drivers in Water Street had been a problem for some time however he explained that LDC only have powers to act when the vehicle is parked on double yellow lines and if it is causing an obstruction then that comes under the jurisdiction of the Police.

Councillor Drinkwater asked if all of the disabled parking bays in the car park in Water Street were used first before parking on the footpath. Mr Roobottom confirmed that the car park was privately owned and not the responsibility of LDC.

Councillor Walker raised a question relating to a vehicle parked right opposite a junction near the Chapel in Princess Street. Mr Roobottom stated that if there is no double yellow lines they have no powers.

Councillor Humphreys asked if an officer could visit Willow Avenue, with a badly designed road layout, as access for ambulances was impossible due to parking. Mr Roobottom confirmed that he would take a look and report back.

Councillor Heath stated that there was not a footpath in Burntwood where cars are not parked and asked why do we get so many cars parked on the footpaths. Councillor Drinkwater reiterated what Mr Roobottom had already stated in that it is not a matter for LDC if there are no double yellow lines.

Councillor Drinkwater explained that he was in the process of obtaining a Blue Badge and had printed off from SCC's website the criteria which clearly stated that Blue Badge holders cannot park in bus, tram or cycle lanes or cycle tracks. Councillor Drinkwater produced a photograph of vehicles parked in the cycle lane on the Walsall Road, Lichfield. Mr Roobottom explained that the Walsall Road in Lichfield was not covered by a Traffic Order and therefore they had no powers to act. Mr Roobottom confirmed that Traffic Orders are the responsibility of SCC.

Councillor Brown explained that dropped kerbs had been installed in Attwood Road, however, a sandwich company trailer was parking over them. Councillor Brown confirmed that a large yellow van was parked in Kings Street. Mr Roobottom explained that this was a difficult one with regard to the large yellow van as Kings Street does not have double yellow lines installed. If the van was parked in Highfields Road they could enforce their powers as double yellow lines are installed.

Councillor Norman asked if the disabled space outside the Library had a Traffic Order on it. Mr Roobottom said that he would check and report back to Members.

Councillor Drinkwater thanked Mr Roobottom for his attendance which had provided the Town Council with a useful explanation.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Campbell, Mrs Evans and Mrs Rigby.

35. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

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.

36. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2014 (Minute Nos. 29 - 33) be approved as a correct record.

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| (a) | 14/00726/FUL | Highfield | Firstpost Homes Limited
13 Rake Hill
Burntwood | Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 3 no. detached dwellings and associated works |
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Having regard to the comments made by Paul Harris of LDC the Town Council are happy for the Local Planning Authority to deal with this application under delegated powers, however, it was noted that the Town Council still had concerns and felt that the proposed development would detract from a very pleasant sensitive/green area and spoil the openness of the area.

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| (b) | 14/00784/FUL | Chasetown | Acorn Group Limited
96-98 Cannock Road
Chase Terrace | Erection of valeting building and expansion of car park including erection of lighting columns |
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No objection in principle to the proposal, however, should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant permission then the following condition MUST be included:

- That adequate parking provision be provided within the 'expansion of car park' to accommodate employees as this is a business.

In addition to the above the Local Planning Authority to ensure that the lighting columns are in keeping with the District Council's criteria.

(COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS APPLICATION)

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| (c) | 14/00810/OUT | Highfield | Mr T Fisher
The Yard
Springle Styche Lane
Burntwood | Replacement dwelling and associated change of use of land to residential |
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STRONG OBJECTION on the following grounds:

- Represents an inappropriate form of development within the Green Belt.
- Has a detrimental impact on the character and openness of the Green Belt.
- The development goes against all planning policies relating to the Green Belt.
- Over intensive use of the site.
- Poor design.
- THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE GREEN BELT.

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| (d) | 14/00823/FUL | Chasetown | LCP Properties Limited
Land off Milestone Way
Burntwood | Retention of temporary fencing to site boundary |
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COMMENT: Should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant permission then that permission for the blue boarded fence should have conditions restricting it to 12 months permission and is conditional on the landowner understanding and acknowledging that the land is designated under the current Local Plan and a proposed Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan for retail/leisure and that the blue boarded fence should be properly maintained to fit in with its environmental surroundings.

- (e) 14/00850/FUL Boney Hay Mr and Mrs Rees
176 Chorley Road
Burntwood Retention of two storey
rear extension forming
kitchen and bedroom

The Local Planning Authority to be mindful of loss of amenity to adjoining neighbours for example potential for overlooking and loss of light.

- (f) 14/00864/FUL Summer Mr M Newey
Field Unit 4
New Road
Burntwood Installation of external
steel fire escapes and
associated works

No objection in principle to the proposal, however, should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant permission than the following condition MUST be included:

- That the fire escapes are only used in an emergency fire and for maintenance.

In addition to the above the Local Planning Authority to satisfy itself that the fire escapes are in the right location.

- (g) 14/00767/FUL Boney Hay Mr M Madeley
1 Kipling Avenue
Burntwood Single storey side, rear
and front extensions,
detached garage and
relocation of boundary
fence (amended
description)

STRONG OBJECTION on the following grounds:

- Hugely over intensive use of the site (doubling the size of the original dwellinghouse).
- Not in keeping with the existing streetscene.
- Impact on the streetscene.

- (h) 14/00861/FUL All Saints Mr J Cantrill
9 St Pauls Road
Burntwood Single and first floor side
and rear extensions to
form kitchen, utility,
orangery, bedroom with
en-suite and new canopy
to front

Concerns were expressed about the size of the proposed development as the property is located in the middle of existing houses with could result in a terracing affect, the development has the potential for overlooking and over intensive.

- (i) 14/00865/FUL Chasetown Mr N Gulliver
Land Rear
175-177 High Street
Chasetown Erection of two 2
bedroom detached
dwellings and associated
works

STRONG OBJECTION on the following grounds:

- It is considered that the proposal represents an unacceptable form of backland development that is not in keeping with the form and character of the surrounding area.
- The proposed development would result in infilling of open space.
- The proposal would result in the loss of openness in what is already a compact street.

- Highway issues – access/egress must be wide enough to allow for emergency vehicles.

(j) 14/00855/FUL Highfield Mr J Whittle
30 Cheshire Close
Burntwood Single storey rear
extension to form kitchen
and breakfast room

No objection.

(k) 14/00892/FUL Chasetown NHS Property Services Ltd
Burntwood Leisure Centre
High Street
Chasetown Variation of condition no.
1 of application
08/00884/FUL in relation
to the retention of a two
storey modular building
for NHS walk in health
clinic

No objection.

(l) 14/00504/FUL Chase Mr R Marshall
Terrace Land rear
56 Princess Street
Burntwood Erection of a two
bedroom detached
bungalow and associated
works

STRONG OBJECTION on the following grounds:

- It is considered that the proposal represents an unacceptable form of backland development.
- The proposed development would result in infilling of open space – no green space left.
- Highway issues – access/egress.
- The proposed development is situated right next to a public right of way.

38. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

No enforcement issues were raised.

(The Meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.)

Signed

Date