

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER
ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Drinkwater (in the Chair)
Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Mrs Brettell, Brown, Campbell, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fisher, Humphreys, Mosson, Norman (from 7.15 p.m.), Mrs Rigby, Taylor, Mrs Tranter, Walker MBE, Willis-Croft and Mrs Woodward

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Administrative Assistant
One member of the public

DIGITAL MAPPING SOFTWARE

The Chairman welcomed Mr Chris Makin, Pear Technology Services Limited to the meeting. Mr Makin gave a demonstration (including a Question and Answer session) on his company's Digital Mapping software. The Chairman thanked Mr Makin for his time and the presentation.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Bradbury, Constable and Isaacs.

12. 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.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2013 (Minute Nos. 6 - 10) be approved as a correct record.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| (a) | 13/00482/FUL | Highfield | Mr A Kirby 74 Woodhouses Road Burntwood | Replacement of existing house with a 3 bedroom detached dwelling |
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Concerns were expressed regarding the volume of the proposed dwelling within the Green Belt.

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| (b) | 13/00503/FUL | All Saints | Mr Carrington 28 Rugeley Road Burntwood | Removal of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension to form kitchen and dining/family room |
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No objection.

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| (c) | 13/00519/FUL | Chasetown | Mrs S Glasgow 1 Cherry Close Burntwood | Alterations to ground floor store to form new hallway |
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No objection.

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| (d) | 13/00530/FUL | Highfield | Mr and Mrs J Symons 67 Rake Hill Burntwood | Retention of detached timber framed structure in rear garden |
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Objection on the following grounds:

- The impact on neighbouring property is enormous/significant which would compromise their privacy.
- The height of the structure appears to be higher on the applicants' side of the fence 'lay of the land'.

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| (e) | 13/00549/FUL | Chasetown | Mrs W Reece 54 Laburnum Grove Burntwood | Retention of brick boundary wall and wrought iron gates |
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No objection.

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| (f) | 13/00566/FUL | Highfield | Mr Mason 9 Highfield Road Burntwood | Conservatory to rear |
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No objection.

15. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

15.1 Chasetown Methodist Church/Collis's Wood Yard (Minute No. 96.2 refers)

Members were informed that posters advertising Collis's Wood Yard and Chasetown Methodist Church were displayed on the corner of Lawnswood Avenue/Queen Street causing an eye sore on the streetscene.

Members felt that getting the balance right (keeping local businesses viable) was key and that a directional arrow for the businesses may be a way forward.

RESOLVED That this matter be reported to the Enforcement Officer at LDC.

15.2 Access to Morrisons Supermarket and Tesco Express (Minute No. 10.1 refers)

Members were informed by Councillor Willis-Croft that he had obtained the email address for Morrisons Head Office and that he would be emailing them in due course relating to the appalling state of the access road (pot holes).

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 2) (and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

17. DIGITAL MAPPING SOFTWARE

Members stressed the importance that the digital mapping software should not take over staff time as the Town Council is only a consultee on planning applications.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (1)** The digital mapping software be referred to the Full Council for further discussion as Members felt that they were not in a position to recommend or otherwise at this moment in time.
- (2)** Members were requested to email the Town Clerk with what further information they feel is needed in order to reach a decision and that the Town Clerk compile a pros and cons report including the advantage of using the software's other layers for different purposes, i.e. burial ground, bus routes, bus shelters and making the software available to the general public and that more information be obtained from other Parish/Town Councils who use the software.

(The Meeting closed at 8.08 p.m.)

Signed

Date