

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER
ON THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2012 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Walker MBE (in the Chair)
Councillors Mrs Brettell, Brown, Campbell, Constable, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fisher, Heath, Humphreys,
Mrs Stokes, Mrs Tranter, Willis-Croft and Mrs Woodward.

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Administration Assistant
Mr N Cox, Planning Policy Manager, Lichfield District Council
19 Members of the Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (STANDING ORDER 1(E))

Mr C Waldron advised Members that the occupier of 23 Poplar Avenue had illegally extended his garden boundary onto LDC owned land and that he had made an official complaint to LDC.

LICHFIELD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN PRESENTATION

The Chairman welcomed Mr Neil Cox and members of the public to the meeting. Mr Cox proceeded to give a presentation on the Lichfield District Local Plan. Members were given the opportunity to put questions and views/observations on the Local Plan.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Bradbury, Drinkwater, Isaacs, James, Mosson, Norman, Mrs Rigby and Taylor.

13. 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.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 07 June 2012 (Minute Nos. 6 - 11) be approved and adopted.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| (a) | 12/00496/FUL | All Saints | Oakdene Developments Ltd
Former Burntwood Service Station
Lichfield Road | Erection of MOT and
valet bays |
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Burntwood

Comment: Whilst the Town Council supports local businesses (not block employment opportunities) concern was expressed as the application site is on a major thoroughfare into Burntwood that screening should be provided to make the facility more attractive. Concern was also expressed regarding access/egress and the close proximity to the pelican crossing and traffic island.

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| (b) | 12/00544/FUL | Summerfield | Mr R Stretton
62 Springhill Road
Burntwood | Two storey rear extension and alterations to form hall, cloaks and bedroom |
| | No objection. | | | |
| (c) | 12/00548/FUL | Chase Terrace | Mr C Smith
12 High Street
Chase Terrace | Conservatory to rear |
| | No objection. | | | |
| (d) | 12/00573/FUL | Chasetown | Tesco Stores Limited
Tesco Express
Cannock Road
Chase Terrace | Installation of external ATM (Automated Telling Machine) |
| | No objection. | | | |
| (e) | 12/00597/FUL | Chasetown | Mr D Canavan
19 Union Street
Burntwood | Single storey rear and side extension to form workshop/store, family room and kitchen |

Comment: The Local Planning Authority to be mindful of the neighbours' amenity due to the close proximity of neighbouring property, however, clarity is needed whether the workshop is for personal or business use (conflict between business and residential - should not be for commercial gain).

Concern was expressed that should the Local Planning Authority be mindful to grant consent that conditions be imposed relating to restricted hours on the workshop.

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| (f) | 12/00623/FUL | Boney Hay | Mr S Singh and Mrs B Kaur
Corner Stores
150 Rugeley Road
Chase Terrace | Reposition front door, new side entrance and ramp and rear extension forming staff lounge and kitchen (extension of time for application 09/00378/FUL) |
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Comment: Whilst the Town Council supports the proposal in principle and that any improvements to shops should be encouraged relating to disabled access (currently not

disabled friendly), however, the 'lack of plans/information' make it difficult to comment.

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| (g) | 12/00624/FUL | Chasetown | Mr M S Dhillon
Post Office
57 High Street
Chasetown | Various internal alterations, new shop front and installation of new roller shutter |
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No objections provided the proposal adheres to the Local Planning Authority's strict criteria on roller shutters.

16. PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 15 BURNTWOOD PARISH

Members were advised that Staffordshire County Council were responsible for the footpath, that the Public Path Extinguishment Order was reported to the County Council in January 2012 and the path's usage had declined over the years due to a lack of maintenance.

RESOLVED That a strong objection be sent to Staffordshire County Council stating that public footpaths and rights of way are greatly valued, in an age when we are trying to encourage people to take more exercise, public rights of way should be enhanced, not closed and that the Public Path Extinguishment Order should be reviewed in light of the fact that the land is being considered for housing development in the Lichfield District Local Plan.

17. PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF DRIVING POOL ROAD, BURNTWOOD

Members were advised that formal approval had now been received to process the proposed prohibition of driving - Pool Road, Burntwood.

RESOLVED That given the need to prevent damage to the road and dam (the public purse has spent a lot on the dam) in the long term and concerns relating to health and safety issues (safety of pedestrians, cyclists, vehicle drivers etc) the Town Council can find no reason to object to the proposed closure of Pool Road, Burntwood, however, the Town Council would strongly reiterate the need for a public car park to be provided close to the dam to enable Burntwood residents to access Chasewater and for better disabled/cycle access.

18. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

18.1 23 Poplar Avenue

Members were advised that the occupier of 23 Poplar Avenue had illegally extended his garden boundary onto LDC owned land and that a formal complaint had been lodged with LDC by Mr C Waldron.

RESOLVED That this matter be reported to the Enforcement Officer at Lichfield District Council asking that this matter be investigated.

**18.2 Planning Application 12/00640/COU -
Access Bookings Limited, 78 Princess Street, Chase Terrace**

Members were advised that yet again another application had been submitted for change of use to offices and the erection of a two storey rear extension. Members felt strongly that this was not an appropriate location for a business.

Members were advised that this application would be 'called in' by Ward Members.

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

(The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.)

Signed

Date