

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER
ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Willis-Croft (in the Chair)
Councillors Bradbury, Brown, Campbell, Mrs Evans, Heath, James, Mrs Stokes, Taylor, Mrs Tranter and Walker MBE

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Administrative Assistant
One member of the public

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Mrs Brettell, Drinkwater, Mrs Fisher, Norman, Mrs Rigby and Mrs Woodward.

34. 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.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2013 (Minute Nos. 28 - 32) be approved as a correct record.

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| (a) | 13/00146/FUL | Chasetown | Baxter Shipley LLP
Former Swan Inn
39 High Street
Chasetown | Conversion of public house into 2 residential units and erection of 3 no. 2 bedroom houses and 2 no. 3 bedroom houses (amendment to application 10/01563/FUL) |
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OBJECTION on the following grounds:

- The proposal would result in over intensive use of the site.
- Access/egress issues.
- Is there provision for all the bins per house?
- Is there adequate parking provision?

Members felt that clarity of plans was needed as the plans do not tally with the application proposal (6 properties on plans and five requested).

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| (b) | 13/00851/COU | Chase Terrace | Classic Properties
6 Water Street
Burntwood | Change of use of ground floor retail/office to a 2 bedroom apartment |
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No objection.

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| (c) | 13/00865/FUL | Highfield | Mr R Young
30 Boulton Close
Burntwood | Loft conversion and raising ridge height to form 2 bedrooms and shower room |
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No objection.

(COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS APPLICATION AND TOOK NO PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS THEREON).

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| (d) | 13/00889/FUL | Chasetown | Mrs P Dhillon
Land rear Post Office
57 High Street
Chasetown | Erection of a three bedroom detached house |
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No objection.

37. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

37.1 304 Chase Road, Burntwood

Members were informed of the state of the property and garden and that the property had not been occupied for several years (photographs were passed around the meeting).

RESOLVED That this matter be reported to the Environmental Health Manager at LDC.

37.2 House rear of Police Station, Edward's Road, Burntwood

Members were informed that this property had been left empty for some considerable time, in fact, to the best of Members' knowledge, had in fact never been lived in.

RESOLVED That this matter be reported to the Land and Property Manager at LDC to ascertain who owns the property.

37.3 Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace

Members were informed that vehicles were parking in Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace (including Redwood Drive) causing an obstruction on the public highway thus resulting in a 'chicane' effect and that vehicles were parking three quarters on the footpath.

RESOLVED That an email be sent to the new Police Inspector Rachel Joyce requesting that she enforces the powers that the Police have in dealing with this matter.

37.4 Corner of Prospect Road/New Road, Burntwood

Members were informed that a lorry advertising DRF Bedrooms and Kitchens is parked wholly on the footpath and an A Board advertising Best Griddle Café and Snacks is parked on the same footpath.

RESOLVED That:

- (a) An email be sent to the new Police Inspector Rachel Joyce requesting that she enforces the powers that the Police have in dealing with this matter.
- (b) This matter be reported to the Enforcement Officer at Lichfield District Council.

37.5 Californian Grove, Burntwood

Members were informed that a vehicle (registration no. G419 KWD) had been parked in Californian Grove since January 2013. Weeds were growing under the car and the tax disc had run out some six months ago.

RESOLVED That an email be sent to the new Police Inspector Rachel Joyce requesting that she enforces the powers that the Police have in dealing with this matter.

37.6 Horse Box, Cannock Road, Burntwood

Members were informed that a Horse Box had been parked next to the Spar Shop, Cannock Road, Burntwood for a number of years in a very poor state of repair thus causing an eyesore.

RESOLVED That this matter be reported to the Environmental Health Manager at LDC.

37.7 New Police Inspector Rachel Joyce

Members felt that a meeting with the new Police Inspector Rachel Joyce would be most helpful.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk writes to the new Police Inspector Rachel Joyce inviting her to attend a future meeting of the Town Council.

**38. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 15**

Members felt that all public footpaths and bridle ways should be fully accessible to the general public and that it was felt to be the Town Council Members' role together with the local community (i.e. boys' brigade, community service) to walk the routes to ensure that they are accessible and are clearly marked.

RESOLVED That:

- (a) No objection as long as the diverted footpath is retained, maintained and kept clear be submitted to Dawn Everitt, Democratic and Legal Officer of LDC.
- (b) Richard Rayson, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Place – Community Infrastructure (Communities), Staffordshire County Council be asked to compile

a list of bridle paths within Burntwood and to ascertain if they are all accessible through the Neighbourhood Highway Team.

- (c)** Bridle paths be included within the Burntwood Town Strategy (Action Area 8(b) – Pathways and Trails Development).

(The Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.)

Signed

Date