

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET, CHASETOWN, BURNTWOOD ON  
THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Birch [in the Chair]

Councillors Brown, Bullock, D Ennis, Gittings, Flanagan, Loughbrough Rudd, R Place and Willis-Croft

**In attendance**

G Hunt, Town Clerk

Ms J Minor, Deputy Clerk

Councillor Westwood

Councillor Evans

Councillor Woodward

Councillor L Ennis [from 7.10 pm]

W Spencer, Connectivity Strategy Officer, Staffordshire County Council [from 6.06 pm]

S Aheer, Project Leader, Amey [from 6.06 pm]

One member of the public

**57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Taylor [dispensation].

**58. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Willis-Croft declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 19/01743/FUH - 6 Melford Rise as the applicant is known to him.

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.

**59. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis, seconded by Councillor R Place and following a unanimous show of hands it was

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 09 January 2020 [Minute Nos. 51-56] be approved as a correct record.

**60. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES**

**Member Membership of the Planning Advisory Group**

Councillor Birch updated Members on the Councillor membership of the Planning Advisory Group [Councillors Flanagan [Chairman], Evans, Greensill, Norman, R Place and Westwood].

### **Member Membership of the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group**

Councillor Birch updated Members on the Councillor membership of the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group [Councillors Norman [Chairman], Banevicius, Evans, Flanagan, Loughbrough Rudd, Westwood and Willis-Croft].

Councillor R Place raised concerns regarding Councillor membership as some members were on both the Planning Advisory Group and the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group. Councillor Birch explained that following the examination of the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan by the Inspector the next stage was the referendum and it was hoped that the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan would be adopted soon. The Planning Advisory Group was for planning issues moving forward [one supersedes the other]. Councillor Birch stated that he could not see a huge conflict [gives continuity].

Councillor Flanagan reminded Members that the Planning Advisory Group was only advisory and not a decision making group.

### **Greenwood House, Lichfield Road**

Councillor Birch informed members that demolition of a former Burntwood care home to make way for a new health centre was due to begin soon. Staffordshire County Council have been given permission to flatten what was Greenwood House residential care home. The range of single and two storey buildings have been empty since 2008. With the nine week demolition project due to start, it is hopeful that the move to create a new home for the Darwin Medical Practice will soon come to fruition. Staffordshire County Council, who owns the land, and the Clinical Commissioning Group, which funds GP practices, have applied for funding from NHS England's Estates and Technology Transformation Fund for the development. As well as providing a base for a GP practice, it is also hoped that the new centre will include a room for taking blood samples and a health education space, as well as offices. There is also potential for an adjoining pharmacy. The application, approved by Lichfield District Council, also contains plans for 61 car parking spaces, uses the existing road entrance and its surroundings will be landscaped.

## **61. BURNTWOOD TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENTS**

Councillor Birch welcomed Mr Will spencer, Connectivity Strategy Officer, Transport and the Connected County, Staffordshire County Council and Mr Sandeep Aheer, Project Leader, Amey to the meeting.

Mr Spencer explained that there was £30,000 in this financial year for investigation and design works. It is his intention to progress the junction modification and public realm detailed designs this financial year but wanted to present these options to the Town Council before taking them too much further. He would like further advice on the potential provision of "gateway measures" in terms of local geography. Mr Spencer stated that the County Council have limited resources however a plan needs to be finalised to enable them to bid for other sources of funding from developers and/or Central Government.

Mr Aheer gave a briefing on Option 1 which would include just refreshing the area, modifications to the main signalised junction at Cannock Road/Rugeley Road/High Street and narrowing of the Cannock Road to approximately 5.5 metres. The road would remain a two-way operation with increased pedestrian space and designated crossing area. Option 2 would include a similar refresh, more space for pedestrians and a potential one-way [westbound from junction of Cannock Road to Water Street junction]. This would enable the

carriageway for traffic to be reduced in width to approximately 4 metres wide and space reallocated for pedestrians/cyclists enabling public realm enhancements to be delivered. Traffic at the signalised junction would be reduced and encouraged to use the bypass. This could also allow the cycle route to be better provided from Milestone Way to High Street along Cannock Road.

[6.19 pm Councillor Birch suspended Standing Orders to allow Councillors and the member of the public to ask questions].

Councillor R Place made reference to HGV vehicles and Mr Spencer explained that there are weight restrictions already in place on the Cannock Road. Mr Spencer stated that these were not definitive plans and still needed to facilitate the movement of traffic and air quality.

Councillor Woodward made reference to the single regeneration budget and one of the options put forward some 15 years ago was to close the road. There was a total outcry at the time. With regard to HGVs there is little enforcement and HGVs use local roads [the impact on residents in Water Street and Cross Street]. Blocking off Ring Road is a wider scheme to be considered.

Mr Aheer explained that with specific regard to Ring Road the data collection has been completed and he has moved into more detailed investigation with traffic counts specifically at the junction of Ring Road and Cannock Road and a topographical survey of the junction. This has helped to determine the traffic levels and vehicle classifications using Cannock Road. He will be looking to identify measures to encourage use of the Burntwood bypass [A5190] by all traffic especially HGVs.

Councillor R Place made reference to the potential one-way and the impact that would have on local schools particular Chase Terrace Primary and Chase Terrace Technology College and their catchment intake. With regard to Chase Terrace Technology College some students come from as far as Norton Canes, Heath Hayes, and Hednesford etc. Councillor Evans, as Chair of Governors to both the Primary School and College, stated that she could not see a reason why the coaches in respect of the College could not use the bypass.

The Town Clerk stated that the options were not dissimilar to what had been undertaken at Rugeley and it would be good to know if the businesses had benefitted from the improvements.

Mr Spencer stated that a signage inventory has been carried out with a view to drawing up a schedule of de-cluttering and a wider signage review. The wider review will require liaison with local Members and key stakeholders to understand local needs and aspirations.

Mr Aheer confirmed that he had not looked at full closure of the Ring Road but had looked at turning restrictions at the Ring Road/Cannock Road junction to prevent vehicles turning right from Ring Road onto Cannock Road or make Ring Road on-way southbound from Cannock Road. This would reduce traffic demands on Cannock Road and encourage use of the bypass. It will require comprehensive local consultation especially with businesses which could prolong the process although physical delivery on site could be quick.

Councillor Woodward stated that her preferred option at this stage would be Ring Road and not a potential one-way through Cannock Road however all of the options were up for discussion.

Councillor D Ennis stated that a lot of thought needed to go into the potential one-way system and asked if contact had been made with the landlord of the shopping precinct. Mr Spencer confirmed that a land ownership request for the area in front of Lloyds pharmacy had been submitted and he is waiting for a response. This is in relation to concerns over uneven footways and potential pedestrian safety issues. Mr Spencer confirmed that this area is not in the ownership of Staffordshire County Council or Lichfield District Council.

[6.42 pm Councillor Flanagan left the meeting]

Councillor R Place suggested totally closing off Cannock Road and re-opening of High Street. Mr Spencer stated that this would require comprehensive local consultation especially with businesses and local residents.

Mr Spencer made reference to the playing fields and hedge on the A5190 Milestone Way. Councillor D Ennis said that the hedge is a wind trap for rubbish and getting someone [a Local Authority] to cut back the problem has been problematic. Councillor Woodward made reference to anti-social behaviour on the site.

Mr Aheer stated that longer term options under consideration were to undertake works on High Street to create an environment more encouraging for pedestrians and cyclists, similar to a “home zone” with less vehicle domination and the potential to widen footways or adjust kerb lines. This could provide the main pedestrian/cycle access to Milestone Way from Cannock Road. Councillor Woodward made reference to High Street and stated that the removal of the double yellow lines needed to be investigated as homeowners and their visitors were unable to park on the road. Councillor Woodward made reference to the roundabout at Milestone Way and stated that configuration of the roundabout could prove expensive. Mr Aheer made reference to the relocation of the pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Loughbrough Rudd made reference to the moving of the bus stop and Mr Aheer indicated that the bus stop would be relocated to outside of Lambourne House.

Councillor R Place suggested only allowing buses to use that part of Cannock Road. Mr Spencer said that it could be enforceable by using CCTV and/or rising bollards as is used in Burton upon Trent. The Town Clerk stated that there are major operational issues regarding the use of rising bollards and asked what timescale Mr Spencer was working towards.

Mr Spencer stated that he hoped to finalise the draft report in four/six weeks and hoped to receive feedback from the Town Council within two weeks. The Town Clerk confirmed that there was a Leadership Team Meeting on 24 February 2020 and this would be opened up as a workshop [from 6pm to 8pm]. All Town Councillors, representatives from the District Council and County Councillors Fisher and Tittley would be invited.

Mr Spencer explained that the £30,000 in this financial year was not all spent and Councillor D Ennis made reference to the pots of money referred to by Mr Spencer from developers and/or Central Government. Councillor D Ennis made reference to the piece of land between Costa Coffee and Emmanuel Church which was up for sale and suggested that this could be transformed into a bus terminal/transport hub. Councillor Birch stated that this would link in with the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Spencer made reference to the bus station in Lichfield which is owned by Lichfield District Council and he could not see Staffordshire County Council purchasing the land.

Councillor Woodward made reference to Community Infrastructure Levy [CIL] and felt that the Burntwood Town Centre enhancements could be a potential project. Mr Spencer said that he would support a CIL bid.

[7.15 pm Councillor Birch resumed Standing Orders]  
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## 62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| (a) | 19/01768/FUH | Summerfield<br>and All Saints | Mr P Terry<br>63 Elder Lane<br>Burntwood | Two storey extension<br>to front |
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No objection.

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| (b) | 19/01767/FUH | Chase Terrace | Mr A Myatt<br>17 Ironstone Road<br>Burntwood | Two storey extension<br>to rear |
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| (c) | 19/01757/FUL | Boney Hay<br>and Central | Mr C Wilkinson<br>235 Rugeley Road<br>Chase Terrace | Erection of 1 no.<br>freestanding<br>outbuilding to<br>accommodate water<br>tanks and pump |
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Whilst there are no objections to the principle of the works, Members were mindful of the comments made by a neighbour and asked if the Local Planning Authority could look at alternative options for the location of the water tanks and pump so that it is not so close to their boundary.

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| (d) | 19/01735/DEM | Chasetown | Bromford Housing<br>Garages at<br>Sycamore Road and<br>Cherry Close<br>Burntwood | Prior Notification :<br>Demolition of 10 brick<br>built garages |
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No objection.

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| (e) | 19/01743/FUH | Boney Hay<br>and Central | Mr A Silvester<br>6 Melford Rise<br>Burntwood | Single storey extension<br>to front |
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No objection.

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| (f) | 20/00047/FUH | Gorstey Ley | Mr D Hood<br>10 Stour Close<br>Burntwood | Erection of detached<br>garage to front |
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Whilst there are no objections to the principle of the works the Local Planning Authority to ensure that the detached garage shall be occupied in a manner which is wholly incidental to the residential use of the dwelling known as 10 Stour Close and shall not be used, sold or let as a separate dwelling unit.

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| (g) | 20/00080/FUH | Chase Terrace | ATA Design<br>65 Kingsdown Road<br>Burntwood | First floor extension to side and single storey extension to rear replacing existing conservatory |
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There are no objections to the principle of the works as long as the use of light grey timber cladding which would be a significant contrast to the existing building and not in keeping with the existing streetscene is not being used.

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| (h) | 20/00014/FUL | Chasetown | Mr I McKay<br>28 Bridge Cross Road<br>Burntwood | Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1 no. replacement four bedroom dwellinghouse |
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Whilst there are no objections to the principle of the works concerns were raised by Members around the number of bedrooms. Particular reference was made to the roof space and its description as an open plan area with a bathroom off. The Local Planning Authority to ensure that the open plan area is not a bedroom as a five bedroom dwellinghouse brings different planning restrictions i.e. more parking spaces.

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| (i) | 20/00104/FUH | Chase Terrace | Mr and Mrs Thompson<br>74 Cannock Road<br>Chase Terrace | Single storey extension to rear to replace existing conservatory |
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No objection.

## 63. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Members noted the response by Burntwood Town Council to the Lichfield Local Plan Review dated 22 January 2020.

## 64. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TASK AND FINISH GROUP

It was proposed by Councillor R Place, seconded by Councillor Bullock and following a unanimous show of hands it was

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group Meeting held on 22 January 2020 [Minute Nos. 5-9] be approved as a correct record.

65. INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

**Street Naming - Land at Mount Road**

Councillor Birch made reference to Minute No. 47 - 11 December 2019 and informed Members that the developers are happy to go with the theme of kettle manufacturers for the road naming, but they are not keen on two of the road names, namely Dennis Close and Kettle Way [the three other road names will definitely be used namely Hadens Road [the main road], Edgar Drive and Vaughan Way].

Councillor Birch explained that the developers have asked if the following types of kettle could be considered for the two road names namely Jersey, Chester, Heritage [most preferred], Cotswold and Salcombe however Councillor Birch said that he would feel happier if the names suggested as alternatives were in keeping with the rest of the suggestions so they are coherent. Councillor Birch stated that the street naming would be an item for the next meeting and asked Councillors for suggested alternatives to put forward before the following meeting on 13 March 2020.

[The Meeting closed at 7.36 pm]

Signed .....

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