

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MAIN HALL, BURNTWOOD MEMORIAL INSTITUTE,
RUGELEY ROAD, BURNTWOOD
ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Gittings [in the Chair]
Councillors Flanagan, R Place, Taylor and Willis-Croft

In attendance

Ms Minor, Deputy Clerk
Councillor Evans
Councillor Westwood
Councillor Woodward

PUBLIC REALM WORKS AT SANKEY'S CORNER

Councillor Gittings 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 to Members that the draft Feasibility Report now submitted considered the comments made by Members following their last visit on 13 February 2020. The report gives budget estimates, recommendations and a proposed phasing of projects based on the likely ease of implementation and budgetary constraints.

The report focused on the following main issues identified in the brief:

- Assessment of High Street/Rugeley Road/Cannock Road signal-controlled junction and consideration of modifications to improve connectivity for all users;
- Consideration of High Street as part of a sustainable transport corridor;
- Improvements to existing traffic calming measures on Cannock Road;
- De-cluttering of town centre area in terms of removal of unnecessary signs, posts and street furniture;
- Consideration of location and upgrade of main bus terminus currently on Rugeley Road;
- Define and provide a sense of "place" for Burntwood Town Centre to include creation of town centre gateways;
- Assessment of Cannock Road/Stables Way/Attwood Road roundabout in terms of traffic capacity and consideration of public realm enhancements which reflect the design principles utilised along the corridor;
- Assessment of A5190 Milestone Way/Bridge Cross Road/Sycamore Road roundabout including investigation of function/operation and pedestrian connectivity across and around this junction;

- Sustainable links between the town centre and Chasewater – to follow on from recent study works with Sustrans particularly along the A5190 Milestone Way corridor; and
- Traffic data collection on Cannock Road to better understand HGV usage and general traffic volumes.

[6.20 pm Councillor Gittings suspended Standing Orders to allow Councillor Woodward to provide further background information relating to the turning right into the Aldi car park issue. 6.25 pm Councillor Gittings resumed Standing Orders].

Summary

The report identified and investigated a range of options to help deliver the vision for Burntwood as the Town Council works in partnership with Lichfield District Council and Staffordshire County Council to create jobs, homes and health, education and leisure opportunities to benefit its residents.

The proposals can be categorised under short term gains and long term aspirations.

Short Term Aspirations

- Car Park Signage
- Local Area Signage
- High Street – footway widening
- High Street Sustainable Corridor [bus stop upgrades]
- HGV Routing Signage and Ring Road Junction
- Cannock Road Traffic Calming Enhancements

Long Term Aspirations

- Public realm enhancements and decluttering
- High Street Sustainable Corridor [traffic calming extension and pedestrian enhancements]
- A5190 Milestone Way/Bridge Cross Road roundabout improvements
- Cannock Road/Attwood Road roundabout improvements

Mr Spencer explained it is expected that due to the level of funding required to deliver these schemes, particularly those seen as long term aspirations with a high value, new funding streams would have to be sought alongside any developer contributions as new planning applications are approved. New funding opportunities seem to be arising more frequently as the Government seeks to “build back better” by investing in infrastructure projects in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, Mr Spencer was pleased to report that funding had already been secured from LEP for the A5190 Milestone Way Cycle Improvements.

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Birch, Brown, Bullock, D Ennis and M Place.

17. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The 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.

18. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor R Place and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2021 [Minute Nos. 11-15] be approved as a correct record.

19. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

Members were informed that planning application 21/01360/FUH – 10 Keepers Close [Creation of vehicle crossover and driveway] had been withdrawn by the applicant on 04 October 2021. As Keepers Close is an unclassified road, along with the fact that the proposed hardstanding has an appropriate soakaway, the works fall under permitted development, thus planning permission is not required in this instance. The applicant has been informed by the Highways Team that prior to the access being constructed, they will require Section 184 Notice of Approval from Staffordshire County Council.

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| (a) | 21/00853/CLE | Highfield | Dr Brown
Maple Hayes Hall School
Abnalls Lane
Lichfield | Certificate of Lawfulness [Existing]: Installation of ground source heat pump which is connected to and powers an existing building on site that is used in connection with the existing school |
| | | | No objection. | |
| (b) | 21/01560/FUH | Chasetown | Mrs D Paul
27 Oakley Road
Burntwood | Loft conversion with dormer windows to front |
| | | | No objection. | |
| (c) | 21/01505/FUH | Chasetown | Mr I Skipp
10 Union Street
Burntwood | First floor side and single storey rear extensions with flat roofs including roof lantern and installation of dormer to side |

No objection.

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| (d) | 21/01639/FUL | Summerfield
and All
Saints | Mr J Douglas
49 New Road
Burntwood | Erection of 1 no.
detached dwelling |
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No objection, however, the Highways Department should be mindful of potential parking issues.

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| (e) | 21/01682/FUH | Chasetown | Mr M Fitch
22A Bridge Cross Road
Burntwood | Single storey extension to
rear, first floor extension to
side and exterior works to
include new windows
and rendering to all walls |
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No objection.

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| (f) | 21/01676/FUH | Boney Hay
and Central | P Geraghty
17 Californian Grove
Burntwood | Retention of single storey
extension to rear |
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No objection.

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| (g) | 21/01573/FUH | Chase
Terrace | Mr J Wright
1 Eights Croft
Burntwood | Retention of boundary
fence |
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Concerns were raised by Members as to the height of the boundary fence and a potential precedent being set along Stables Way. If officers are mindful to grant permission, the fencing needs to be set back one metre from the footpath with substantial planting installed in front.

[Councillor Flanagan informed Members that he would be asking District Councillor Norman, as Ward Member, to call in this application].

[The Meeting closed at 7.27 pm]

Signed

Date