

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET,
BURNTWOOD ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Flanagan [in the Chair]
Councillors Bullock, D Ennis, L Ennis, Galvin, Holdsworth and S Taylor

In attendance

Ms Minor, Deputy Clerk
Councillor P Taylor

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Bacon [Prior Commitments]
Councillor Gittings [Personal Reasons]
Councillor Hancox [Personal Reasons]
Councillor Willis-Croft [Prior Commitments]

The reasons for the apologies were approved.

61. 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.

62. MINUTES

The Chair reminded Members that they were being asked to comment solely on the accuracy of the Minutes and that the Minutes had been approved at Full Council on 14 March 2024.

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

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2024 [Minute Nos. 53-59] be approved as a correct record.

63. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor D Ennis referred to Minute No. 17 [07 August 2023 Planning and Development Committee Meeting] and Minute No. 56 [26 February 2024 Planning

and Development Committee meeting] and in particular planning application 23/00592/FUL – Strawberry Field Farm and Coffee Shop, Coulter Lane Farm, Coulter Lane, Burntwood. He pointed out the social media posts posted by Strawberry Fields Farm and Coffee Shop following the refusal by Lichfield District Council on 03 November 2023 for the retention of outdoor dining use and associated bell tents and kitchen [temporary consent]. The posts referred to the fact that they had been trading for almost 4 years and that they had lodged an appeal. They were asking for 'followers' to help them stay open and keep providing their community hub, help them save jobs, to maintain local supplier orders and to continue to bring business into Burntwood. As they had 'tagged' in Burntwood Town Council, Councillor D Ennis confirmed that he had responded by adding 'One things for certain Burntwood Town Council Councillors didn't object to this in fact we supported it and I 100% support what Kerry, Gary and their team do there'. Members were informed that a petition had been set up and members of the public were encouraged to write to the Planning Inspectorate in support, which would form part of their defence.

Councillor Holdsworth asked why are the Local Planning Authority back tracking now and Councillor Galvin had concerns regarding inconsistencies in planning decisions. Councillor D Ennis pointed out that the hospitality sector had to adapt in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and were supported and helped to put in place measures relating to safe socialising, compliance with government guidelines and regulations however the legislation had now changed. He believed that this business was an asset to our Town and we should be supportive of local businesses. Councillor D Ennis felt that supporting new and existing businesses should be written into the Lichfield Local Plan. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Flanagan would contact the Town Clerk to understand if there are any options to assist the local business with their campaign.

Councillor Flanagan informed Members that a screening opinion request has been submitted to Lichfield District Council for a proposed Lidl store on land to the rear of the former Bridge Cross Garage on Cannock Road. A planning application is due to come forward shortly. The current request is to determine whether the proposed development should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment. The proposed development comprises a discount food store and will incorporate 128 car parking spaces, including seven disabled, nine parent and child and two electric vehicle spaces. The food store will be sited to the south of the site, with a trolley bay to the north of the store and parking in the northern and eastern areas of the site. It is currently a vacant field with no direct access; however, access is proposed from an existing roundabout off the A5190. The plans would see the store open from 8am to 10pm Monday to Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on Sundays.

64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| (a) | 24/00172/DEM | Boney Hay and Central | Bromford Garage Court
Ogley Hay Road
Burntwood | Prior Notification:
Demolition of 5 no. brick-built garages with flat roofs |
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No objection.

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| (b) | 24/00019/FUH | Chasetown | Mr Read
209 High Street
Chasetown | Erection of two storey front and rear extensions |
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No objection.

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| (c) | 24/00234/FUH | Highfield | Mr Gumbley
238 Chorley Road
Burntwood | Erection of two storey side extension |
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Comment: As the property lies within the Green Belt, Members raised concerns relating to the size of the proposed two-storey side extension and asks that the Local Planning Authority ensures that this is appropriate development within the Green Belt and that the proposal is not disproportionate and harmful to the openness of the Green Belt.

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| (d) | 24/00147/FUL | Highfield | Ms Greatrix
16 St Matthews Road
Burntwood | Dropped new vehicular crossing and parking bay |
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No objection in principle subject to the comments made by Staffordshire County Council, as Highway Authority, being secured via conditions.

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| (e) | 24/00217/FUH | Chase Terrace | Mr Humphreys
55 Water Street
Burntwood | Erection of two storey front extension |
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No objection in principle however the Local Planning Authority should be mindful that the proposed two storey front extension does not change the aspect or have a detrimental impact on the area/streetscene.

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| (f) | 24/00235/FUH | Gorstey Ley | Mr Miles
89 Lichfield Road
Burntwood | Two storey side extension and single storey rear and front extensions |
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No objection.

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| (g) | 24/00251/FUH | Chasetown | Ms Lingwood
2 Glover Close
Burntwood | Two storey rear extension and garage conversion to playroom |
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No objection however the Local Planning Authority should be mindful that the two-storey rear extension does not impact on the amenity of the neighbours by way of overlooking and loss of privacy.

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| (h) | 24/00204/FUL | Chasetown | Staknstore
Land adjacent Unit 14
Zone 1
Burntwood Business Park
Attwood Road
Burntwood | Retrospective application for site arrangement works consisting of landscaping and car parking to support existing B8 use |
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No objection.

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| (i) | 24/00262/FUH | Boney Hay and Central | Mr and Mrs Timmins
21A Californian Grove
Burntwood | Erection of rear dormer roof extension, installation of dormer windows to rear, windows to side elevations and rooflights to front roof |
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No objection however the Local Planning Authority should be mindful that the proposal does not impact on the amenity of the neighbours by way of overlooking and loss of privacy.

65. ROAD NAMING – LAND NORTH OF SYCAMORE ROAD

Councillor Flanagan informed Members that a resident had suggested the name 'Bucknell'. Mr Bucknell had been the Headteacher of the former Oakdene Primary School in the 70s/80s.

Councillor D Ennis pointed out that the Oakdene estate roads were named after trees and to keep to continuity, he suggested the name Hazel Grove.

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

RESOLVED That the road name 'Hazel Grove' be passed to Lichfield District Council as the suggested name for the development on land north of Sycamore Road.

66. BuRRT UPDATE

Councillor D Ennis referred to a car accident which had taken place on 11 March, which had resulted in the newly installed flagpole outside of the Library at Sankey's Corner being demolished. Councillor D Ennis asked if thanks could be recorded to the BuRRT team for their quick response in clearing up the debris and Crown Highways who provided a man hole cover. He felt that the scheme does work when it is used right.

RESOLVED That the report of activities be noted.

[The Meeting closed at 6.31 pm]

Signed

Date