

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET,
BURNTWOOD ON WEDNESDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Flanagan (in the Chair)
Councillors D Ennis, L Ennis, Gittings, P Taylor and Willis-Croft

In attendance

Ms Minor, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Bacon (Unwell)
Councillor Bullock (Work Commitments)
Councillor Hancox (Family Emergency)
Councillor S Taylor (Unwell)

The reasons for the apologies were approved.

52. 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.

Councillor Flanagan declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in planning application 25/00049/FUH – 4 Farewell Lane as he knows the applicant as she is known to him.

Councillor D Ennis declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in planning application 25/00049/FUH – 4 Farewell Lane as he knows the applicant as she is known to him.

Councillor L Ennis declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in planning application 25/00049/FUH – 4 Farewell Lane as she knows the applicant as she is known to her.

Councillor Gittings declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in planning application 25/00049/FUH – 4 Farewell Lane as she knows the applicant as she is known to her.

Councillor P Taylor declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in planning application 25/00049/FUH – 4 Farewell Lane as he knows the applicant as she is known to him.

53. MINUTES

The Chair reminded Members that they were being asked to comment solely on the accuracy of the Minutes.

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 13 January 2025 (Minute Nos. 45-50) be approved as a correct record.

54. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

There was no information from the Minutes.

55. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(a)	25/00049/FUH	Highfield	Ms Smith 4 Farewell Lane Burntwood	Single and first floor rear extension to form bedroom and sun lounge
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No comment (as the majority of Members present had declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in the application).

56. BuRRT UPDATE

RESOLVED That the report of activities be noted.

57. FINANCIAL SCRUTINY OF BuRRT

Councillor Flanagan explained that following the debate at Full Council on 20 January 2025, where it had been resolved that an agenda item would be added to this Committee meeting to discuss and debate the financial scrutiny of the Burntwood Repair and Response Team (BuRRT) and where necessary, report back to Full Council.

Members referred to previous discussions in particular the Committee meeting held on 11 November 2024 (Minute No. 38 refers) where it was agreed that the Town Clerk be asked to provide information regarding savings made (ballpark figure).

Councillor P Taylor felt that the objection was not to scrutinise staff (not question the financial outcome of BuRRT which was good for Burntwood) but to ascertain a rough idea on how much had been saved by undertaking the tasks internally.

Councillor L Ennis stated that if the Town Clerk (not the Burntwood Repair and Response Team staff) had been asked to provide information then this should be done as a, perhaps, one off. She felt that a quotation could be obtained from an external source.

Councillor P Taylor referred to the time saved with regard to the incidents at the Library and Coulter Lane Burial Ground where BuRRT had attended.

Councillor D Ennis referred to the monetary value of BuRRT when undertaking the defibrillator checks. He explained that there is no documented monetary value but confirmed this is of massive benefit to the Town, which was wholeheartedly agreed. It was **agreed** that working out the financial benefit is not feasible and that the BuRRT update (report of activities) is still to be provided and this would be questioned, as necessary.

(The Meeting closed at 6.16 pm)

Signed

Date