

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2019

Present: Julia Jessel (Chairman)

Attendance

Ron Clarke	Trevor Johnson
Alan Dudson	Kyle Robinson
David Smith (Vice-Chairman)	Paul Snape
Ben Adams	Mike Worthington
John Cooper	Ian Lawson

Apologies: David Brookes, Keith James, Alastair Little and Bob Spencer

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40. Apologies

The Chairman welcomed new members onto the Committee and expressed thanks to Mr Smith for his work Chairing the Planning Committee since May 2017.

The Chairman informed the Committee that former County Councillor and Chairman of the Planning Committee, Tim Corbett had recently passed away. The Chairman invited members to stand in silence in Mr Corbett's memory.

41. Declarations of Interest in Accordance with Standing Order No. 16

There were no Declarations of Interest on this occasion.

42. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

43. Appointment of Members to the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel

RESOLVED – That:

(a) Julia Jessel, Paul Snape, David Brookes, Mike Worthington and Alan Dudson be appointed to the Countryside and Rights of Ways Panel for 2019/20.

(b) Keith James, David Smith, Ian Lawson, Kyle Robinson and Ron Clarke be appointed to the Countryside and Rights of Ways Panel as Substitutes for 2019/20.

(c) Mrs J. Jessel be appointed as Chairman of the Panel for 2019/20.

44. Review of the County Council's Statement of Community Involvement

The Committee were presented with a report on behalf of the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills to inform them of the proposed revisions to the County Council's current Statement of Community Involvement, and the intention to consult the public on the revised document.

RESOLVED - That the Planning Committee welcomed the Revised Statement of Community Involvement: to keep it up-to-date; to ensure effective community involvement at all stages of the planning process; and, to provide an opportunity for comments to be made prior to adoption.

45. Planning, Policy and Development Control - Annual Performance Report 2018/19

The Committee received a report on behalf of the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills on the planning development control and planning policy making performance over the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

The Committee were presented with detailed performance against various categories of application and the respective targets. The Committee noted the performance with policy-making; the development control performance against various categories of application and the respective national and local targets; the income from applications and per-application advice; and the adjustments made to the Planning, Policy and Development team.

The Committee praised the performance detailed in the report, highlighting the recent staffing reductions. The Committee sought assurances that there was enough staff to maintain performance.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

46. Decisions taken under Delegated Powers

The Committee considered the 'County Matters' and consultations with Staffordshire County Council dealt with by the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills under delegated powers.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

47. Exclusion of the public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below.

48. Planning Regulation - Performance and Delegated Decisions Report

The Committee were informed of the work and performance of the Planning Regulation Team including details of notices served since 1st April 2018.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Chairman