

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2020

Present:

Attendance

David Brookes	Paul Snape
Ron Clarke	Mike Worthington
Alan Dudson	Bob Spencer
David Smith (In the Chair)	Ian Lawson
John Cooper	Jeremy Oates
Trevor Johnson	Richard Ford
Kyle Robinson	

Apologies: Keith James and Julia Jessel

PART ONE

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

The Committee were informed that the Director of Corporate Services had advised that there was no longer a need to report delegated decisions to the Committee as the Local Member receives notification of applications, submissions and delegated decisions.

There were no Declarations of Interest on this occasion.

58. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2020

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

59. Applications for Permission and Other Approvals

60. Units 40-46 Mariner, Lichfield Road Industrial Estate, Tamworth T.19/02/928 W

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application for change of use of existing industrial building to use as a healthcare waste treatment plant and transfer site and associated works.

In accordance with the County Councils scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received a representation from Mr R Riding representing the applicant.

Mr Oates as local member asked the Committee to note the proximity of the site to residential properties. Mr Oates also advised that local residents had raised concerns about vehicle movements, and risk of contamination and odours.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – To PERMIT the application for change of use of existing industrial building to use as a healthcare waste treatment plant and transfer site and associated works subject to the conditions highlighted in the report and two amended conditions namely: to amend the limit to night time traffic movements from 20 to 26 (13 in and 13 out); and, to require details of the outside storage of waste which shall be in sealed containers in HGV trailers to be submitted for approval.

61. Cranebrook Quarry (also referred to as Brownhills Quarry), Muckley Corner, Lichfield L.15/15/802 MW D1

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the request by the operator to be released from a Restoration Guarantee Bond in accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Section 106 legal agreement dated 6 February 2018 associated with permission ref. L15/15/802 MW.

The Committee were reassured that as the operator is now a member of the Mineral Products Association and that the Mineral Products Association's Restoration Guarantee Fund is sufficient to meet the cost of the restoration and the 5 year Aftercare Scheme.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – (a) To AUTHORISE the Planning, Policy and Development Control Manager to confirm in writing that:

- Staffordshire County Council is satisfied that the Mineral Products Association's Restoration Guarantee Fund is sufficient to meet the cost of the Cranebrook Quarry Restoration and 5 Year Aftercare Scheme and that the bond provided shall be discharged in accordance with paragraph 5 (i) of Schedule 3 of the Section 106 legal agreement dated 6 February 2018; and,
- The operator, while maintaining access to the Mineral Products Association's Restoration Guarantee Fund, is no longer required to submit Financial Statements under paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 of the same agreement.

62. Annual Report - Safety of Sports Grounds April 2018 - March 2019

The Committee considered a report detailing the work of the Safety of Sports Grounds team carried out during April 2018 to March 2019.

It was reported that the statutory duty under the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975 requires that every local authority should enforce within their area the provisions of the Act.

Members noted that Staffordshire County Council had met its statutory obligations during 2018/19 in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, and the Fire Safety and Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1987.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

63. Planning, Policy and Development Control - Half Year Performance Report

The Committee received a report of the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills on the planning development control and policy making performance over the period 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019.

The Committee were presented with details of 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 pre-application advice; and, the staffing changes in the Planning, Policy and Development team.

The Committee expressed their thanks to the Planning, Policy and Development team.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

64. 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.

65. 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 2019.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Chairman