

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7 March 2019

Present: David Smith (Chairman)

Attendance

Ron Clarke	Julia Jessel
Alan Dudson	Trevor Johnson
Keith James	Alastair Little
Ben Adams (Vice-Chairman)	Kyle Robinson
John Cooper	Bob Spencer

Apologies: David Brookes, Kath Perry, Paul Snape and Mike Worthington

PART ONE

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

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

34. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019

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

35. Applications for Permission

36. Seisdon Quarry - SS.18/08/627 M

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application to vary conditions 3, 12 and 31 of planning permission SS.15/13/627 M relating to an extension of time for working operations and the import of restoration materials to 31 July 2019, and to amend the approved Restoration Concept Plan.

In accordance with the County Councils scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received representations from Mr Colin Elstone, objecting to the application, Stephen Harrison representing Seisdon and Trysull Parish Council and Mr Adam Collinge representing the applicant.

County Councillor Victoria Wilson as the local member also spoke to the Committee against the application and sought assurances that the restoration of the quarry would be completed by the end of the year.

Members queried what materials would be brought on site in order to complete the restoration. They queried the number of lorry movements per week and whether it was feasible for the restoration to be completed by the end of the year. The Committee also queried if £5,000 per year contribution from the quarry for road restoration was a reasonable amount. In response, the Committee were informed that the materials

brought onto the site would be soil based or clay materials. The Committee were also advised that 550 lorry movements per week was under the current permission and therefore acceptable and the restoration would still be continuing at other parts of the site whilst these quarry works are undertaken. It was reported that the view from the Highways department was that £5,000 per year was reasonable as the causes of the condition of the road were not all related to the quarry.

The Committee were advised that there have not been any discussions to make any amendments to the section 106 agreement. The Committee were also advised that no enforcement action has been taken against the quarry operator.

The Committee sought assurances from JPE that they would be making no further applications for extension at this quarry. In response, the Committee were advised that the material was the last on the site and the quarry had also started to decommission the site.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – To PERMIT the application to vary conditions 3, 12 and 31 of planning permission SS.15/13/627 M relating to an extension of time for working operations and the import of restoration materials to 31 July 2019; and to amend the approved Restoration Concept Plan subject to the conditions of the current planning permission (SS.15/13/627 M) and additional conditions highlighted in the report.

37. Decisions taken under Delegated Powers

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

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

38. Exclusion of the public

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

39. Exempt minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019

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

Chairman