

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2019

Present: Julia Jessel (Chairman)

Attendance

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

Apologies: Keith James, Trevor Johnson and Bob Spencer

PART ONE

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

51. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

52. Applications for Permission

53. Seisdon Sand Quarry, Ebstree Road, Seisdon SS.19/02/627 M

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application to vary conditions 3, 8 and 11 of planning permission SS.18/08/627 M relating to an extension of time for working operations to 30 November 2019 so as to allow: 1) the continued export of stockpiled sand and gravel; and 2) the import of restoration materials subject to the prior approval of the Mineral Planning Authority.

The Case Office informed the Committee that the County Council, as the Highway Authority, had now responded to the consultation and had no objection to the proposals on highway grounds.

The Committee queried if the site would be open to the public when the restoration was completed as there will be a lake in the middle of the site. The Case Officer explained that footpaths would cross the restored site, but the land would be in private ownership and therefore any liabilities would rest with the private landowner. The Committee also queried who would be ensuring that the vehicle movements complied with the planning permission, in response the Case Officer explained that the site operator is required by planning condition to record all vehicle movements.

The Committee expressed their disappointment that the applicant has sought a further extension of time having been granted an extension by the Committee on 7 March 2019.

The Committee were advised that no further extraction or importation of waste is taking place on the site as this application is to remove the remaining stockpiles.

The Committee were informed that the Liaison Committee will reconvene on 24 October 2019 which will provide an opportunity for local residents to see how the restoration works are progressing.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – To PERMIT the application to vary (not comply with) conditions 3, 8 and 11 of planning permission SS.18/08/627 M relating to an extension of time for working operations to 30 November 2019 to allow: 1) the continued export of stockpiled sand and gravel; and, 2) the import of restoration materials subject to the prior approval of the Mineral Planning Authority, subject to the conditions of the current planning permission (SS.15/13/627 M and the conditions highlighted in the report.

54. Shire Oak Quarry, Chester Road, Shire Oak L.19/05/809 MW

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application not to comply with (to vary) conditions 18 and 29 of planning permission L.16/05/809 MW to facilitate a topsoil blending and export operation through the importation of BSI PAS 100 compost.

County Councillor David Smith as the local member spoke to the Committee, he explained that he was confident that these proposals would not result in any additional impact on the local community.

Note by Clerk – following addressing the committee as the local member, Mr David Smith left the room.

The Case Office informed the Committee that, having received additional information, Walsall Council had now withdrawn their objection.

The Committee queried what the nature of the complaints made about the quarry were, and the Case Officer explained that the Planning Regulation Team had only received one complaint since the site had restarted following the grant of the extension planning permission in 2018

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – To PERMIT the application to not to comply with (to vary) conditions 18 and 29 of planning permission L.16/05/809 MW to facilitate a topsoil blending and export operation through the importation of BSI PAS 100 compost at Shire Oak Quarry, Chester Road, Shire Oak subject to the conditions of the current planning permission (L.16/05/809 MW), with variations and updates highlighted in the report.

55. 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.

Chairman