

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2017

Present: David Smith (Chairman)

Attendance

Ben Adams	Trevor Johnson
David Brookes	Alastair Little
Ron Clarke	Robert Marshall
Alan Dudson	Kath Perry
Keith James	Kyle Robinson
Ben Adams	Paul Snape (Vice-Chairman)
John Cooper	Mike Worthington
Julia Jessel	

Apologies: No apologies were received.

PART ONE

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

The following Members placed on record his/her association with the applications under consideration as follows:

Name of Member	Nature of Association	Minute No./ Application No.
David Smith	Personal interest in Item 4a as his house overlooks the Quarry.	Item 4a: 16/05/809
Paul Snape	Personal interest in Item 5 as he sits on the Planning Committee at Cannock Chase District Council	Item 5: CH17164 CH17236 CH17150 CH110374

Due to the nature of Councillor David Smith's Declaration of Interest, he indicated that he would vacate the Chair for item 4a and would speak to the Committee as the local member for the area, following which he would leave the room whilst the application was considered and would not take part in the vote.

Note: Paul Snape took the Chair

8. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

9. Applications for Permission

a) Shire Oak Quarry, Chester Road, Shire Oak - L.16/05/809 MW

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed application for an eastern extension (inclusive of additional sand and gravel mineral working, subsequent infilling with inert material, landscaping works and all ancillary works) and to consolidate existing permissions with a composite restoration scheme at Shire Oak Quarry, Chester Road.

In accordance with the County Council's scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received representations from Mr Mark Jones, on behalf of the residents in Stonnall, objecting to the application. The Committee also received representations from David Thompson on behalf of the Parish council, objecting to the application and from Adam Collinge, on behalf of the applicant, supporting the application

Councillor David Smith, as the local member, informed the Committee that he chaired a village meeting in March with an officer to listen to concerns from residents and a wide range of amendments to the application were called for. Councillor Smith urged the Committee to consider whether the proposed planning conditions met the community's expectations on the under-mentioned issues and to make their decision on whether to permit or refuse the application having regard to:

- Visual impact/screening
- Dust
- Noise
- Hours of working
- 11 years until the site is fully restored
- Whether the proposed rate of infill was achievable
- Monitoring of compliance with the planning conditions

Councillor Smith also indicated that, should the development be permitted, he would work with the site operator and local residents to establish a local liaison committee.

Councillor Smith left the room for the remainder of the agenda item.

Committee Members raised concerns about a range of issues including: the impact of noise and dust; the possibility of a request for a further extension to the life of the quarry if the demand for sand and gravel was to fall; landscaping of the south-eastern corner of the site and the quality of the land proposed in the restoration works. Committee Members also raised concerns at possible inaccuracies in the report as to the number of HGV's allowed entry into the quarry on a daily basis, compared with the amount of material required to backfill the site. Clarification was requested and received from the Case Officer.

Committee Members were satisfied with the responses from the Case Officer and that they had sufficient information to make a decision on the application. Following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED – To **PERMIT** the application for an eastern extension and to consolidate existing permissions with a composite revised restoration scheme in accordance with the recommendation in the report.

Note: Councillor Smith retook the Chair

b) St. Anne's CE(C) Primary School, St. Anne's Vale, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent - SM.16/05

The Committee received a presentation by the Case Officer on the proposed retrospective application for the construction of a single storey classroom extension at ST. Anne's CE(C) Primary School.

In accordance with the County Council's scheme for public speaking at meetings, the Committee received representation from Mr M Powell, a neighbour to the school, objecting to the application. The Committee also received a representation from Andrew Darby on behalf of Entrust and the school, supporting the application.

The Committee considered the concerns which had been expressed by Mr Powell and the mitigation measures which had been put in place in an attempt to allay his concerns including the relocation of the canopy in order to reduce the noise levels. The Committee also expressed their disappointment that this matter was having to be dealt with by way of a retrospective application. Following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED – To **PERMIT** the retrospective application for construction of a single storey classroom extension at St Anne's Primary School in accordance with the recommendation in the report.

10. Decisions taken under Delegated Powers

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

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

11. Exclusion of the public

Chairman