

Agenda

Cannock Community Forum

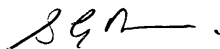
Time and Date

7.00pm on Tuesday 17 December, 2013

Venue

Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock

You are invited to this meeting to consider the matters listed below.



S.G. Brown
Chief Executive

Notice of Proposed Post Submission Main Modifications to Cannock Chase Local Plan (Part 1) – November 2013

A formal Notice is attached to this Agenda. Please note the contact details and closing date for submissions, which is 5.00pm, Wednesday, 18 December, 2013.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members.**

To declare any personal or pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- 3. Notes**

To receive the Notes of the meeting held on 17 September, 2013 (Enclosed).

4. Questions for Staffordshire Police

No questions have been submitted in advance of the meeting.

5. Questions for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services

No questions have been submitted in advance of the meeting.

6. Questions for Staffordshire County Council Highways – submitted in advance

Question from Mr. G. Taylor, local resident:

“The lights set out along the road leading to the Leisure Centre are left on all night, wasting money and energy, and causing light pollution into the ancient wood. The lights around the football pitch go off at 10pm. Why are the lights along the road left on all night? There is adequate security lighting around the school to alleviate any vandalism etc”.

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council has provided the following response:-

“There is no reference to any particular road however I believe the area in question is Cardinal Way Cannock.

Highway street lighting is separate from any leisure centre car park, football pitch or school building lighting.

The public highway lighting is for the benefit of the community and residents. However under the remit of the localism agenda the community can request the introduction of part night switched street lights provided the local community support the initiative. During 2012 Staffordshire County Council approved changes to the way its street lights would be operated following a complete review of operations. The changes will mean that the majority of new street lights will be fitted with equipment which will reduce (dim) light output levels from late evening to early morning. Approximately 28,000 street lights will be fitted with dimming equipment between now and 2028. In addition and where appropriate we also intend to retrofit dimming equipment into existing street lights which are fitted with high wattage lamps. The retrofit programme will see approximately 15,000 street lights fitted with dimming equipment over a three year period.

Any request for part night switching will need the support of the surrounding community and the local members for the area. Following support requests should be sent to the Street lighting section at Staffordshire County Council”.

Angela Schulp, District Lead Commissioner, Staffordshire County Council will be in attendance.

7. Questions for Cannock Chase District Council – submitted in advance

Question from Mr. G. Taylor, local resident:

“Litter in Cannock Town Centre and in the area where I reside i.e. Westbourne Avenue is on the increase. It would be interesting to know how many Fixed Penalty tickets have been issued to persons dropping litter. There are 3 shops, including a fish and chip shop at the junction of Westbourne Avenue and Stafford Road and the proprietors should be responsible or clearing litter from their frontages. I believe there is already a local Byelaw in place for this to be done, therefore this should be enforced”

Mike Walker, Environmental Protection Manager has provided the following response:-

“The no. of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for littering:

- April 2012 to March 2013 - 54 issued, 5 prosecutions
- April 2013 to 4 December 2013 - 49 issued, 1 prosecution pending

Contrary to Mr Taylor's belief enquiries indicate that there is currently no local Byelaw requiring proprietors to clear litter from the frontages of their property.

However, the Council has the power to tackle street litter generated by premises. There is no restriction on the type of litter for which this may be used, but it is intended primarily to help deal with food and drink packaging and other litter caused by eating 'on the go' as well as litter from cash points and lottery tickets dropped outside shops. The legislation enables local authorities to serve Street Litter Control Notices requiring businesses to clear up the litter and implement measures to prevent the land from becoming defaced again.

In order to issue such a Notice it would be necessary to establish that a significant litter problem was occurring and could be attributed to specific premises. Inspections of the area have revealed that the extent of litter present would not warrant such a course of action at present.

It is understood that the area is also litter picked by the Council's Cleansing Service on a weekly basis.

In addition there is a planning condition on the permission for the Fish and Chip Shop requiring the operator to provide a litter bin. I am informed that this condition has been complied with”.

8. Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust - update

Deborah Neal, Head of Communications, Mid-Staffs NHS Foundation Trust, has provided the following update:

‘The Trust Directors have concluded that, as the Trust continues to be going through the Trust Special Administration (TSA) process, it would not be appropriate for them to attend the Community Forums at this time. The

Directors would like to assure local people that services at both Cannock Chase and Stafford Hospitals continue as usual and would encourage people to continue to use them as appropriate. If there are any questions on the day-to-day business of the hospitals, we would be very pleased to email you answers/updates from the Directors.

The TSA has been granted an extension of a maximum of 40 working days before submitting its final report to Monitor, who will then have a maximum of 20 working days to consider the report and lay it before Parliament. At that time the report will become a public document. The Secretary of State then has a maximum of 30 working days to announce his decision. Because these are all 'maximum' numbers of days permitted, we do not know when each stage will be reached.

If you have any questions around the TSA process and future of services, these would need to be addressed to the TSA.'

The TSA can be contacted at: www.tsa-msft.org.uk/contact-us or for confidential matters at: TSApublic@MidStaffs.nhs.uk

9. Update on the position of the negotiations in respect of the Asda s.106 monies for the Artificial Turf Pitch

The Lead Officer will provide an update.

10. Forward Agenda for Future Meetings

Questions are invited from members of the public and will be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. Any questions from members of the public should be submitted on the form available at the meeting. Submission of written questions in advance will ensure that appropriate representatives can be invited to attend meetings to debate the issues and answer any questions.

11. Date of Future Meeting

A Forum meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 4 March, 2014.

Alcott, G. (Chairman)	
Allen, F.W.C. (Vice-Chairman)	
Anslow, C.	Mitchell, C.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Dixon, D.I.	Snape, P.A.
Freeman, Miss M.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Kraujalis, J.T.	Toth, J.

Other Invitees:

Mrs. J. Arm	Clerk to Bridgtown Parish Council
County Councillor Mrs. D. Todd	Cannock Villages Division
County Councillor Mrs. A. Spicer	Cannock Town Centre Division
County Councillor D. Davis	Chadsmoor Division
Chief Executive	Chase Council for Voluntary Services
Chief Insp. Carl Ratcliffe	Staffordshire Police
Michelle Lucas	Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mark Keeling	Staffordshire County Council Highways
Mr. M. Walters	Vice Chairman, Moss Road Residents Action Group
Mr. A. Derry	Area Tenants and Residents Collective
Ms. A. Ames	Chair of Rumer Hill Residents Association & Secretary of CTRF
Theresa Atherton	Secretary of Rumer Hill Residents Association
Mr. A. Burley	Member of Parliament (Cannock Chase Constituency)
Angela Schulp	District Lead Commissioner, Staffordshire County Council
Neil Pedersen	Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Victoria Singleton	Neighbourhood Watch, Staffordshire Police
Miss T. Gould	Residents Champions, Chase CVS
Deborah Neal	Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Wendy Rowe, Senior Committee Officer, Democratic Services, Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock. Telephone 01543 462621 or e-mail membersservices@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

Date despatched: 5 December, 2013