

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 3.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Kraujalis, J.T. (Chairman)
Burnett, J. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Jones, R.
Ball, G.	Rowley, J.
Bernard, J.D.	Todd, Mrs. D.
Burnett, G.	Todd, R.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Whitehouse, Mrs. L.

(The Chairman reported that he had agreed to the order of the agenda being amended. Councillor J. Rowley was late in attendance and did not take part in the decision making process for the first two applications on the agenda).

101. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Easton, P. A. Fisher and A. Williams.

102. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No declarations of interests were made.

103. Disclosure of lobbying of Members

Councillor R. Todd disclosed that he had been lobbied in respect of Application CH/11/0360, Residential Development – erection of nine 2 bedroom houses, car park adjacent to 62 Sheepfair, Rugeley.

104. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January, 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

105. Members' requests for site visits

No requests for site visits were made.

106. Application CH/11/0360 – Residential Development, erection of nine 2 bedroom houses, car park adjacent to 62 Sheepfair, Rugeley

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

It was reported that the item had been deferred from the last meeting to enable Officers to enter into discussions with the developer and landowner of the Prince of Wales Public House regarding the creation of additional parking facilities.

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by the owner of the site.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved subject to the conditions contained within the report for the reasons stated therein.

107. Application CH/11/0207, Residential Development, three detached houses, Land north of Post Office Lane, Slitting Mill

Following a site visit by Members of the Committee consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.10 – 6.24 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by two objectors and Councillor D. Davies as the Ward Member and the applicant's representative.

The Planning Services Manager provided points of clarification on the application.

RESOLVED:

That the application be refused for the following reason:-

'The proposal would introduce built development onto a greenfield site within the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which would have an adverse impact on the landscape, character and appearance, contrary to Local Plan Policy C8, Protecting the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.'

108. Application CH/11/0421, Part demolition and rebuilding of existing school, Staffordshire University Academy (Blake) Marston Road, Hednesford

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.35 – 6.42 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Planning Services Manager provided an update from the County Council on the application.

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by Councillor G. Adamson as

the Ward Member.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That Staffordshire County Council be informed that Cannock Chase Council welcomes the major investment in education facilities and is satisfied with the overall design and layout of the proposals, with the following exception:-

Cannock Chase Council very strongly opposes the proposed pedestrian access to Marina Crescent on the basis that this would introduce noise, disturbance and light pollution, together with potential traffic congestion with parents dropping off children into what is currently a quiet residential cul-de-sac. Therefore the access proposals listed within the report as Option B, retaining the use of both Marston Road and View Street for both pedestrians and vehicles is supported, but Option A is opposed.

- (B) Staffordshire County Council is requested to make a commitment in principle to providing a pedestrian/cycle access to the academy from the Pye Green Valley distributor road prior to the occupation of the residential development proposed on the north-east side of the valley.
- (C) The hours of construction activity should not include external works taking place after 1 pm on Saturday and at no time on Sunday, in order to safeguard the amenity of nearby residents.

109. Application CH/11/0312, Residential development – erection of 3 detached 4 bedroom houses with access from Shoal Hill Close (outline, access and layout) Land rear of White Lodge, New Penkridge Road, Cannock

The Chairman informed Members that local residents were of the opinion that that they had not been given adequate time to prepare their objections to the application.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the application be deferred to the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.)