

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER, 2015 AT 3.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT:
Councillors

Cartwright, Mrs. S.M. (Chairman)

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| Allen, F.W.C. | Hardman, B. |
| Dean, A. | Lea, C. |
| Dudson, Ms. M. | Pearson, A. |
| Foley, D. | Snape, P.A. |
| Freeman, Miss M.A. | Sutherland, M. |
| Grocott, M.R. | |

(Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman asked Members to join in observing a minute's silence to pay respects to Councillor C. Anslow who has recently passed away following a serious illness).

91. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Burnett, J.T. Kraujalis and J. Preece (Vice-Chairman).

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

No further declarations were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests.

93. Disclosure of lobbying of Members

Councillors Mrs. S.M. Cartwright, Miss M.A. Freeman, C. Lea and P.A. Snape declared they had been lobbied in respect of Application CH/15/0423, Post Office, 11 Church Street, Cannock – proposed change of use from Post Office to Drug and Alcohol Support Service Clinic.

94. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed.

95. Members' Requests for Site Visits

None

96. Application CH/15/0388, 90 Lower Road, Hednesford, Proposed Two Storey side extension

Following a site visit consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.1 – 6.15 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by Mr. Prosser (an objector).

RESOLVED:

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

97. Application CH/15/0423, Post Office, 11 Church Street, Cannock, Proposed change of use from Post Office (A1) to Drug and Alcohol Support Service Clinic

Following a site visit consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.16 – 6.29 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager provided the Committee with an update advising that since the report had been prepared a further letter of objection had been received from Jessica's Foods. The letter outlining their concerns was read out by the Officer. He further advised that Councillor J.T. Kraujalis was unable to attend the meeting due to a family bereavement. He had submitted a letter outlining his objections to the application and put forward suggested reasons for refusal. This was also read out by the Officer. The Officer explained that the recommendation contained in the report remained the same and clarified that the service was looking to relocate to alternative premises within the town centre and not open an additional facility.

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by Mrs. Pursehouse (an objector) and Chris Judge (Applicant).

Following a debate Councillor M. Sutherland moved that the application be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Miss M.A. Freeman. A vote was taken and the motion fell.

Councillor A. Pearson then moved that the application be approved and this

was seconded by Councillor A. Dean. Following a vote this motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

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

(Councillors Miss M.A. Freeman, C. Lea, P.A. Snape and M. Sutherland requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the decision. Councillors F.W.C. Allen, Mrs. S.M. Cartwright and A. Pearson requested that their names be recorded as having voted in favour of the decision. Councillor M.R. Grocott asked that his name be recorded as having abstained from voting on this decision).

The meeting closed at 4.35pm.

CHAIRMAN