

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER, 2011 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.
Easton, R.	Todd, B.
Fisher, P.A.	

(The Chairman reported that he had agreed to the order of the agenda being amended).

61. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Burnett, Mrs. S.M. Cartwright, D.N. Davies and Mrs. L. Whitehouse.

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Bernard, J.D.	Application CH/11/0316, Amended design and layout of play equipment and multi-use games area (retrospective), public open space between Pheasant Way and Peregrine Way, Heath Hayes. Member is a Ward Member for Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council discussing the application on behalf of residents.	Pre-determination - left the meeting and took no part in the decision making process.

63. Disclosure of lobbying of Members

Councillors R.J. Todd and Mrs D. Todd declared they had been lobbied in respect of Application CH/11/0316, Amended design and layout of play equipment and multi-use games area (retrospective), public open space between Pheasant Way and Peregrine Way, Heath Hayes.

Councillor J.T. Kraujalis declared that he had been lobbied in respect of Application CH/11/0286, Residential Development – demolition of Garag Court and erection of one pair of 3 bed semi-detached houses and one detached 3 bedroom house, Skipton Place, Cannock.

64. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

65. Members' requests for site visits

No requests for site visits were made.

66. Application CH/11/0316, Amended design and layout of play equipment and multi-use games area (retrospective), public open space between Pheasant Way and Peregrine Way, Heath Hayes

Following a site visit by Members of the Committee consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.15 – 6.28 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by objectors and the Ward and Parish Councillor (Councillor J.D. Bernard). Having declared that he had pre-determined the application, Councillor J.D. Bernard left the meeting during consideration of the application and took no part in the decision making process.

The Planning Services Manager provided Members of the Committee with an update and reported that a total of 34 letters of objection had been received.

Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council had objected to the proposal as this was an inappropriate development in a residential area and the use of equipment and subsequent anti-social behaviour and noise adversely affected the amenity of neighbours.

He reported that Mr. T. Walsh, Parks and Opens Spaces Manager supported the retention of the play area due to deficiency of such provision both at District wide and local level in Hawks Green, Health Hayes and Hednesford.

He referred to enclosure 6.18 – landscaping comments and reported that the applicant had submitted a revised landscaping scheme (to include an additional hedge and tree planting along the northern boundary of the MUGA), which was acceptable to the Council's Landscape Team.

With regard to enclosure 6.18 – Anti-Social Behaviour – Prevention Office, reference was made to the re-opening of a youth centre. Clarification was provided that the youth centre was the Heath Hayes Youth Club, Heath Hayes Community Centre.

RESOLVED:

That the application be deferred to enable further discussions to take place with the applicant to consider the following:-

1. What is the reason for the provision of the play area in this location – is it needed, could the whole area just be grassed/landscaped?
2. Would it be feasible to either remove the multi use games area or the fencing around it?

3. There are specific concerns about the nuisance around health and safety issues arising from the sighting of the covered seating area for teenagers – could this be removed?
4. Could additional planting be provided to screen the facility from residential properties to the Southeast?

(Councillor J. Burnett left the meeting prior to consideration of the following items).

67. Application CH/11/0270, Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two storey 5 bed dwelling with basement, Swiss House Farm, Penkridge Bank Road, Brindley Heath

Following a site visit by Members of the Committee consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

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

68. Application CH/11/0286, Residential Development – demolition of garage court and erection of one pair of 3 bed semi-detached houses and one detached 3 bedroom house, Skipton Place, Cannock

Following a site visit by Members of the Committee consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.29 – 6.39 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

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

(Councillor J.T. Kraujalis requested that his name be recorded as having voted against this decision).

69. Proposals to change the Local Protocol for Decision Planning Making Relating to Public Speaking at Planning Control Committee

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer and Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.40 – 6.44 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to amend the rules for public speaking as set out in Annex A of the Protocols for Public Speaking at Planning Control Committee.

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.)