

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 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, B.
Burnett, G.	Whitehouse, Mrs. L.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	
Easton, R.	

(Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman advised that he had agreed to an urgent supplementary report being considered relating to the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) at the Waste Plant Kingswood Lakes (Application CH/10/0373). The reason for the urgency was that the application was being re-considered by the County Council on 15 September and there was a short window of opportunity to make further comments on the revised recommendation).

42. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.N. Davies, P.A. Fisher and Mrs. D.M. Todd).

43. 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.	TPO/2011, Lichfield Road, Heath Hayes (land adjacent to 16 Truro Place – Member lives in Truro Place, Heath Hayes	Personal
Easton, R.	Application CH/10/0373, Construction of Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) and ancillary facilities comprising offices, visitor centre, bottom ash recycling and maturation, access roads, weighbridge, drop off shelter, electrical compound together with associated landscaping and security fence, Cley Road, Cannock – Member of Staffordshire County Council's Planning Committee	Personal and Prejudicial

Kraujalis, J.T.	Application CH/10/0373, Construction of Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) and ancillary facilities comprising offices, visitor centre, bottom ash recycling and maturation, access roads, weighbridge, drop off shelter, electrical compound together with associated landscaping and security fence, Cley Road, Cannock – Member declared he had been quoted in the press as being opposed to the application and he had therefore pre-determined the application	Pre-determination - Left the meeting and took no part in the decision making process
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44. Disclosure of lobbying of Members

Burnett, G. - Declared he had been lobbied in respect of Application CH/11/0238, play area, site entrance and exit barrier, tarmacing of existing stone roads and extension of opening season to between 16 February and 5 January the following year, Cannock Chase Camping and Caravan Club site, Youth Hostel, Wandon, Brindley Heath

45. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 August, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

46. Members' requests for site visits

No requests for site visits were made.

47. Application CH/0249, Variation of condition 30 of planning permission CH/10/0451 to allow permanent use of facility and illumination of floodlights between the hours of 8.00 and 22.00 on any day – proposed synthetic turf pitch, Cardinal Griffin High School, Cardinal Way, Cannock

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.1– 6.17 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Planning Services Manager updated the Committee on the position with regards to the application. He advised that the application was to vary Condition 30 of planning permission CH/10/0451. All the conditions which had been approved along with permission CH/10/0451 had also been included in this application (as this was best practice). He asked the Committee to note that on Enclosure 6.6 in the penultimate paragraph the sentence should read: "This recommendation of approval should "not" be construed as though the County Council is prejudging the outcome of the Order making process". He also advised that there had been lengthy email exchange between Officers and the objectors since the report was written. He would deal with any issues that arose following the objectors making their representations.

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by two objectors (a local resident and a representative from Friends of Cannock Park) and the Applicant's representative.

During his representations the Applicant's representative referred to a letter dated 12 September

which had been received from the Football Foundation. The Applicant's representative commented that the letter suggested that the Football Foundation funding would be withdrawn should Condition 30 not be removed. Following the representations the Chairman suggested that the Committee adjourn for 20 minutes to enable Members of the Committee the opportunity of reading this letter.

The Committee adjourned for 20 minutes.

The Committee then reconvened and the Chairman stated that as the letter had only become available at the meeting today he proposed that the application should be deferred to the next meeting to enable Officers the opportunity to investigate the implications of the letter.

A Member requested that a representative from the Football Foundation be invited to attend the next meeting. The Solicitor advised that if a representative was unable to attend the meeting the Football Foundation would be asked to provide a letter to the Committee to explain their position.

RESOLVED:

That the application be deferred to the next meeting to enable Officers to investigate the implications of the Football Foundation's letter.

48. Application CH/11/0238, Play area, site entrance and exit barrier, laying tarmac on existing stone roads and extension of opening season to between 16 February and 5 January the following year, Cannock Chase Camping and Caravan Club Site, Old Youth Hostel, Wandon, Rugeley

Following a site visit by Members of the Committee, consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.18 – 6.25 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Planning Services Manager advised that the application was originally seeking to use a small part of the site for caravan storage. However, as this was contrary to policy the applicant had withdrawn this element from the application. He further advised that two late representations had been received following the caravan storage element being removed from the application. These were from Brindley Heath Parish Council who had no comments to make and another representation from an adjacent neighbour who was requesting that should the play area be sited where proposed they wanted screen fencing to be erected along the boundary.

Members expressed concern regarding the colour of the tarmacing, drainage issues and the proposed opening times.

RESOLVED:

That the application be deferred to the next meeting to enable Officers to liaise with the applicant regarding tarmacing, drainage and opening times.

(Councillor F.W.C. Allen left the meeting prior to consideration of the following items).

49. Application CH/11/0258, Erection of a one bedroom bungalow (resubmission of

CH/11/0032), 51 Stagborough Way, Hednesford

Following a site visit by Members of the Committee, consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.26 – 6.35 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the application be refused for the following reason:

“The proposal would be out of character with the existing pattern of development in the cul-de-sac producing a cramped building layout contrary to the aims of Policy B8 (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of the Cannock Chase Local Plan 1997”.

50. Proposed Tree Preservation Order No. 2011/11, Lichfield Road, Heath Hayes, Cannock (Land adjacent to 16 Truro Place)

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.36 – 6.40 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That TPO No. 2011/11 be confirmed without modification.

51. Urgent Supplementary Report – Application CH/10/0373, Construction of Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) and ancillary facilities comprising offices, visitor centre, bottom ash recycling and maturation, access roads, weighbridge, drop off shelter, electrical compound together with associated landscaping and security fence, Cley Road, Cannock

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest Councillor R. Easton left the meeting during consideration of this application. Having declared he had pre-determined the application Councillor J.T. Kraujalis (Chairman) left the meeting during consideration of this application.

Councillor J. Burnett (Vice-Chairman) was in the Chair for this item.

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by Councillor J.T. Kraujalis as the Ward Councillor.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.40 – 6.61 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Planning Services Manager summarised the reasons for bringing this urgent supplementary report to the Committee and provided Members with an update on the national planning policy and the Government's review of the waste policy.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the County Council be informed that Cannock Chase District Council maintains objections 1, 2, 3 and 4 as set out in the letter dated 22/12/10.

(B) That if the County Council is minded to approve the application, Cannock Chase District

Council restates its request to be consulted on planning conditions and the S106 agreement including the mechanism for securing an end date to the landfill operations at Poplars.

(The meeting closed at 5.20 pm)

CHAIRMAN