

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2010 AT 3.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Burnett, J. (Chairman)
Easton, R. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Easton, Mrs. D.M.
Ball, G.D.	Jones, R.
Bullock, L. W.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
	Williams, Mrs. P.

With the agreement of the Chairman, the order of the Agenda was amended. The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers from Stafford Borough Council who had been invited to observe the meeting.

79. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Burnett, D. N. Davies, M. P. Freeman, Mrs. P. Z. Stretton, and B. Williams).

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Easton, R.	CH/09/0355 Consultation from Staffordshire County Council, New Rugeley Learning Campus Development land off Western Springs Road, Rugeley – Member is a Member on Staffordshire County Council's Planning Committee	Personal and Prejudicial

81. Disclosure of lobbying of Members

No disclosures were made.

82. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 December, 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83. Members' requests for site visits

That the following applications be subject to a site visit by Members of the Committee:

- (i) CH/09/0390 Residential development, demolition of existing building, erection of 3 townhouses and 7 flats, land fronting Sheepfair, Rugeley.

Reason: To assess impact on conservation area.

- (ii) CH/09/0389 Residential development, demolition of public house and erection of 3 storey block of 12 flats, the Britannia Public House, 1 Brereton Road, Rugeley.

Reason: To assess impact on traffic movement and street scene.

84. Application CH/09/0177 – Retail convenience store with associated filling station and car wash, former Cannock Automobiles, Stafford Road, Cannock (outline including access, layout and scale)

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.16 – 6.21 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager provided a verbal update on the Road Safety Audit referred to in the Report. He explained that this had now been carried out and the Highway Authority's final views were still awaited. A further application in respect of the design, appearance and landscaping of the site would need to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by the applicant.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved, subject to the conditions contained within the report for the reasons stated therein, subject to any further conditions required by the Highway Authority arising from the Safety Audit.

85. Application CH/09/0355 – Consultation from Staffordshire County Council, New Rugeley Learning Campus development land off Western Springs Road, Rugeley

Following a site visit by Members of the Committee, consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.15 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Planning Services Manager informed the Committee that he considered that two additional recommendations should be added, with the Committee's approval.

Councillor Mrs. P. Williams expressed concern at the loss of a large open space to Rugeley and also the 5 football and 1 rugby pitches and considered that the Charter Fair would be unable to be held and requested that her concerns and opposition to the application be recorded.

Councillor L. W. Bullock commended the Planning Officers on the depth of the work they had undertaken.

(Councillor R. Easton having declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the meeting prior to determination of this application).

RESOLVED:

That the application be supported, subject to the recommendations contained within the report for the reasons stated therein and to the following additional recommendations:-

- That the importance of the delivery of the vocational further education facilities be stressed in order to improve the educational levels in Rugeley.
- That the existing BMX facility on the proposed site of the development be relocated to an alternative site that has been agreed by Cannock Chase Council.

86. Application CH/09/0343 – Retention of rear conservatory – 8 Cotton Grove, Hednesford

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.22 – 6.24 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager advised that a letter had been received from the applicant which he summarised to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved.

87. Application CH/09/0380 – Extension to Reception Area, First Floor Extension for Gym and new curved roof with alterations to external appearance – Chase Leisure Centre, Stafford Road, Cannock

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.25 – 6.28 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Planning Services Manager advised that a letter had been received from Chase Swimming Club in support of the application which he read out to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved, subject to the conditions contained within the report for the

reasons stated therein.

88. Member involvement in pre-application discussions

Consideration was given to the Report of the Planning Services Manager (Enclosure 6.29 – 6.34 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:-

- (A) The suggestions for Member briefings and pre-application forums be trialled for a 6 month period.
- (B) The outcome of the trial be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.
- (C) Council be recommended to amend the 'Local Protocol for Planning Decision Making' in the light of the outcome of the trial.

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 4.00 p.m).

(The representatives from Stafford Borough Council extended a reciprocal invitation to the Members of the Planning Control Committee, together with Planning Officers, to a meeting of their Development Control Committee).