

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

VIA REMOTE ACCESS

PART 1

PRESENT:
Councillors

Dudson, A. (in the Chair)
Startin, P. (Vice-Chairman) (*not in attendance when meeting commenced*)

Allen, F.W.C.	Pearson, A.R. (<i>not in attendance when meeting commenced</i>)
Fisher, P.A.	
Fitzgerald, Mrs. A.A.	Smith, C.D.
Jones, Mrs. V.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Layton, A.	Thompson, Mrs. S.L.
	Todd, Mrs. D.M.

(This meeting could not be held at the Civic Centre due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. It was therefore held remotely).

39. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors Mrs. S.M. Cartwright (Chairman), A. Muckley and P. Witton.

In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman (at the commencement of the meeting) Councillor A. Dudson was elected Chairman for the meeting.

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

Member	Interest	Type
Pearson, A.	Application CH/20/128, 23 Walsall Road (Ex-Servicemen's Club Car Park) Cannock, WS11 5BU, outline application some matters reserved, erection of 12 apartments and associated works (re-submission of CH/19/399) – Councillor was a Member of the Club	Personal and Pecuniary

41. Disclosure of Lobbying of Members

Nothing declared.

42. Members' Requests for Site Visits

As no site visits could be undertaken at the current time a Member requested that Application CH/20/311, Land between 44 Flaxley Road and 2 Davy Place, Rugeley – erection of a 3 bedroom detached dwelling, be submitted to the Planning Control Committee for consideration.

The Development Control Manager advised that he would ensure this application came before the Committee and he would provide a detailed presentation outlining the application and show photographs and plans of the proposals.

43. Application CH/16/267, Land to North of Wyrley Common and South of A5 Watling Street, Norton Canes – Proposed change of use to outdoor go-karting facility and associated operational development including formation of track (1200m), car park and associated landscaping and works (Details also provided of proposed hospitality/administration, garage/shop and toilet buildings for illustrative purposes only)

Consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.1 – 6.1.23 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager provided a presentation to the Committee outlining the application showing photographs and plans of the proposals.

He also advised that the following update had had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting:-

“Further to the completion of the agenda a letter has been received from Mr Ron Oliver, the applicant’s agent. This states: -

“We did not know until last Wednesday that Chris Timothy was not going to be able to make the meeting and that he had put nothing in place to cover his absence. It is not possible for his deputy to put any sort of argument forward at this short notice. Given that myself and djogs have not met him to see who says what. We have been badly let down by CT Planning.

Also, as you are probably aware, Norton Parish Council fully support the proposal and as such, their deputy chair John Bernard wanted to speak in support but due to the fact that they have not been notified he is unfortunately on holiday.

It is logical that this project should not go to the Committee on this date. My point is Cannock Planning have messed about for years not months and we have dealt with four separate planning officers who had no qualms in putting it off from previous Committees.

I will speak but I can only request a deferment. As you are fully aware my client has been treated very badly as no one would just sit down and consider the application in full. I wonder how this position would be viewed in Law it is disgraceful to say the least.

I would have thought it quite simple to put this back to a future Committee without the need to request it formally at the Committee. But if it is not within your powers then so be it. I would trust that they will see common sense.

I would be grateful if this letter could read out to the Committee or at least let them see copies.”

Officers would respond that the above does not change the overall assessment of the application and that the applicant and the Parish Council have had sufficient time to make arrangements for their representatives to speak at the meeting. It is therefore recommended that Members determine the application on its current merits.”

The Chairman asked the applications agent, Ron Oliver, to outline the reasons for the request to defer the application.

Following this the Legal Services Manager advised that Members should allow the objector (Reba Danson) to make her representations and then make a decision on whether to determine the application or defer it as requested by the applicant’s agent.

Following a discussion, deferment of the application was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED:

That the application be deferred so that the all speakers have the opportunity to attend the Committee to make representations.

(Councillor P. Startin and Councillor A. Pearson joined the meeting at some point during the discussions on this application. As they were not present for the whole of the discussions they did not take part in the vote).

44. Application CH/20/197, 114-116 Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, Cannock, WS11 5BZ – Change of use of ground floor from retail unit to A5 hotfood takeaway including installation of extract flue

Consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.124 – 6.139 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager provided a presentation to the Committee outlining the application showing photographs and plans of the proposals.

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by Councillor Mrs. C. Mitchell, the Ward Councillor, speaking against the application. Further representations were made by Jim Malkin, the applicant’s agent, speaking in support of the application.

RESOLVED:

That the application be deferred so that discussions could take place between Officers and the applicant with a view to amending the scheme.

(Councillor F.W.C. Allen lost connection during consideration of the application and therefore did not take part in the vote).

45. Application CH/20/128, 23 Walsall Road (Ex-Servicemen's Club Car Park), Cannock WS11 5BU – outline application some matters reserved, erection of 12 apartments and associated works (re-submission of CH/19/399)

At this point in the meeting Councillor A. Pearson declared a personal and pecuniary interest in this application and therefore did not take part in the discussion or decision on this application.

Consideration was then given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.140 – 6.178 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager provided a presentation to the Committee outlining the application showing photographs and plans of the proposals.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the applicant be requested to enter into an Agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to secure the provision of a financial contribution for affordable housing provision (index linked)

(B) That, on completion of the Agreement, the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report for the reasons stated therein.

46. Application CH/20/275, The Ascot Tavern, Longford Road, Cannock WS11 1NE – Application under Section 73 of the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act to vary Condition 3 – to allow extension of trading hours on a limited number occasions per year (0:600hrs to 01:00hrs the following day)

Consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.179 – 6.190 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Prior to consideration of the application, representations were made by David Pickford, the applicant's agent, speaking in support of the application.

RESOLVED:

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

The meeting closed at 4.15pm.

CHAIRMAN

