

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**VIA REMOTE ACCESS**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Cartwright, Mrs. S.M. (Chairman)  
Councillors Startin, P. (Vice-Chairman)

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

**54. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

**55. Disclosure of Lobbying of Members**

Nothing declared.

**56. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October, 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**57. Members requests for Site Visits**

None.

**58. Application CH/20/305, Land at Lime Lane, Pelsall, WS3 5AT, Change of use of the land to a Gypsy and Traveller residential site with the siting of up to ten caravans of which no more than five would be static caravans, the construction of a utility block, and the creation of a new vehicular access and the laying of hard standing**

*(The Chairman delayed consideration of this application in order to allow Councillor A. Dudson to join the meeting as he was having difficulty connecting. However, as he was not able to join the Chairman decided to continue to determine the application in his absence).*

Consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.1 – 6.49 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager advised that an update had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. The update was as follows: -

**“Response of Natural England**

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority, has undertaken an appropriate assessment of the proposal in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England is a statutory consultee on the appropriate assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Your authority has concluded that the evidence provided with the proposal and confirmed by the LLFA demonstrates that the proposal would not have a significant impact on the integrity of Cannock Extension Canal SAC.

Having considered the assessment Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions”.

He then 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 J. Newbury (Ward Councillor) speaking in favour of the application. Further representations were made by Nial Casselden and Michael Hargreaves (representing the applicant) who both spoke in support of the application and shared the ten minutes between them.

**RESOLVED:**

That, as no objections have been received from Natural England, the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report for the reasons outlined therein and the completion of a unilateral undertaking to secure mitigation against the impacts of visitor pressure on Cannock Chase SAC.

*(Councillor A. Dudson joined the meeting as some point during the determination of the above application. Therefore, he did not take part in the vote on this application).*

**59. Application CH/20/247, Land on North-East side of A5 (Turf Roundabout), Watling Street, Cannock, WS11 9ND – Planning application for the retention of gates, fencing and groundworks**

Consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.50 – 6.66 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:

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

**60. Changes to the Enforcement Protocol**

Consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.67 – 6.69 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Development Control Manager advised that the recommendation would be amended to read:-

“Members should note the report to the Head of Economic Prosperity in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Economic Development and Planning and the subsequent temporary changes to the Planning Enforcement Protocol.”

RESOLVED:

That the report to the Head of Economic Prosperity in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Economic Development and Planning and the subsequent temporary changes to the Planning Enforcement Protocol be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.58pm.

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CHAIRMAN