

BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Court
Councillor Davies
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hawley (Chair)
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lawson
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Swift

Also in attendance:
Councillor Sheldon

47.15. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Salt
Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Rushton
Councillor Whilding (Vice Chair)

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: none were declared.
- b Other Interests: Application 0758 Councillor Hawley knew the applicant. Applications 0716 and 0039 Councillor Jones knew the applicants.

49. MINUTES

- a The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2015 were **Approved** and signed as a true record.
- b The notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 3 December 2015 were **Received**.

50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SMD/2015/0672	Dolven Funeral Serv 31-33 Congleton Rd	Retention of change of use from class (A1) shops to (A1) Funeral Directors
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NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

SMD/2015/0684	Wrekin Housing Trust Meadows School	Demolition of former school buildings and erection of 70 Extra Care Flats (for the over
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55's) comprising 28 1 bed and 42 2 bed flats and associated Hub for community use. Provision of 37 car parking spaces and ass amenity space and landscaping

APPROVE THE SCHEME BUT CONCERN EXPRESSED THAT 37 CAR PARKING SPACES WERE NOT ADEQUATE FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLINGS. IS STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ACCESS/EGRESS ARRANGEMENTS?

A vote was taken and there were 3 councillors AGAINST approving the application

SMD/2015/0716	50 Fold Lane	Proposed rear extension and alteration to roof to form rooms in roofspace construction of a rear balcony supported by steel posts and erection of a chimney
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APPROVE, SUBJECT TO THERE BEING NO GREEN BELT INFRINGEMENT

SMD/2015/0758	Marshfield Gate Fm Marshfield Lane	Lawful Development Certificate for existing use. Use of land for residential purposes
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NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

DET/2015/0039	Rails Farm Top Road	20 metre mast for radio aerial
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RECOMMEND REFUSAL: CONCERN EXPRESSED THAT THIS COULD SET A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER SIMILAR STRUCTURES

46. DECISIONS AND NOTICES RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

None had been received.

47. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair gave a resume of meeting of the Working Group held on 3 December:

- a it had been decided to do a full NP
- b the criteria used by SMDC on site allocations would be used
- c the Chair reported on a meeting held earlier that day with Dai Larnar, District Council Executive Director (Regeneration & Planning) – the District Council would give the NP Working Group all of the site information they have gathered and work towards an agreement on sites. We would discuss issues and work together on the public consultation. An officer will attend the next Working Group to explain site decisions. We could work together, using District Council expertise, and this would take some pressure off us with deadline.
- d The Chair had drawn up estimated budget figures, which were circulated, and proposed that these be presented to the Finance Committee in January (Appendix A, below). Councillor Jones moved to support this estimate, seconded by Councillor Lawson. The proposal was Carried - 1 against 1 abstention

- e The Chair said that the Group has had a very low attendance from Councillor members. He said that he would like to plan the meetings in advance to get a better attendance. The next meeting would be in mid-January
- f The District Council had arranged an hour's meeting with planning officers to look at the revised site recommendations. Our slot was on 14 December 2015 from 11 am to 12noon. Councillors Hawley, Court, Harper and the Chief Officer would attend.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Signature

Date

Appendix A – Neighbourhood Plan Budget

<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Planning Support Consultants	8,000
Printing -leaflets, questionnaires, NP copies	7,000
Referendum expenses	3,000
Community events	1,000
Publicity	500
Traffic Management consultant	5,000
Materials	1,000
Other Costs	500

	26,000

 <u>Income</u>	 £
Locality Grant via the District Council	8,000