

# **BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2021**

**Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and Government Guidelines on public gatherings, the meeting was held virtually on Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: D. Cotton (Chairman)  
P. Adams  
M. Sutherland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr S. Haynes  
Mrs T. Williams (Clerk)

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Pearson, Mrs M. A. Turville, R. Turville.

Apologies were also received from County Councillors B. Jones and P. Hewitt.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To declare interests for this meeting:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
No Interests		

### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Resolved: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

### **4. PLANNING OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

Resolved: To confirm the following observations submitted to Cannock Chase Council on 22 March 2021:

**Application Number:** CH/21/0096

**Location:** Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre, Walkers Rise, Hednesford

**Development:** Remove existing 17.5m slimline telecommunications mast to be replaced by 20m mast to support 6no. panel antenna together with 3no. transmission dishes, ERS units and ancillary development thereto.

**Observations:** No Objections

### **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

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**6. PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Application Number:** CH/20/425

**Location:** Beau Desert Golf Club, Rugeley Road, Hazel Slade

**Development:** Erection of halfway house structure adjacent to 11th green of golf course

The Council noted that planning permission had been granted on 17 February 2021.

**7. UPDATES ON OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

Old Power Station Development, Rugeley

A question was raised about whether there were plans to open a GP surgery on the housing development at the old power station site as infrastructure was already stretched in Rugeley and Lichfield.

Councillor Sutherland advised the Committee that the matter had been discussed but Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had concluded that a new facility was not needed. After consulting local GP's and surgeries the Clinical Commissioning Group had decided that it would rather invest in existing facilities. Councillor Sutherland said he would have supported a new facility, but existing surgeries believed they could accommodate new patients with investment. There will be 2000 to 2300 new homes on the site, whose residents will now be using surgeries in and around Rugeley.

Councillor Sutherland said that he would like the Clinical Commissioning Group to reconsider this decision. He believed that people needed to travel to centres of excellence, but more treatments should be administered locally.

Councillor Sutherland confirmed that there will be an all through school built on the site which was good news.

Councillor Sutherland reminded the Committee that it was necessary to ensure that walkways, pathways and cycleways are incorporated into the development in accordance with the original plans.

Cannock Chase Council and Lichfield District Council have been working in harmony and Rugeley Town Council was in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan which was good news.

The Committee acknowledged how quiet planning had been (in respect of new planning applications) over recent months.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 May 2021.

The meeting will take place physically at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mount Road, Rugeley.

Signed.....  
Chairman of the Planning Committee,  
Councillor D. Cotton

Date.....  
Chairman's Initials .....