

# **BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2023 AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MARQUIS DRIVE, RUGELEY**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: D. Cotton (Chairman)  
P. Adams  
Mrs M. A. Turville  
R. Turville  
Mr M. Sutherland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms G. Adams (Parish Clerk)  
Mrs T. Williams (Parish Clerk)

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor A. Pearson and Councillor Mrs S. Pearson.

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

To declare interests for this meeting:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Councillor M. Sutherland	Portfolio Leader for Economic Development at Staffordshire County Council	Personal
Councillor M. Sutherland	Planning Application CH/22/0004 (Larkholme, Shooting Butts Road)	Personal
Councillor D. Cotton	Planning Application CH/22/0004 (Larkholme, Shooting Butts Road)	Personal

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

**Resolved:** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 November 2023 were approved as a correct record.

Councillor Sutherland advised the Committee that he had contacted the Senior Planning Officer on behalf of the couple who were seeking advice about the development of their land. He said they had been put in touch with an expert who was able to offer advice, and he had visited the couple on site.

Councillor Cotton advised the Committee that he had also spoken to the couple and said he would make a site visit.

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

No planning applications had been received from the County or District Councils.

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

Chairman's Initials .....

13/2022-23

Resolved: That the following observations are submitted to the District Council in respect of planning applications in the parish:

**Application Number:** CH/22/0419

**Address:** 1 Brindley Heath Road, Hednesford

**Development:** Demolition of existing building and erection of 3 no. apartment buildings providing 15 no. dwellings, plus associated development including access, parking and landscaping

**Observations:** The Parish Council is concerned about the proposed development for the following reasons:

- The position, height and scale of the apartment buildings will result in an oppressive form of development to detract from the open and spacious character of the junction. The proposal would have an adverse effect on the established structure and layout of the area.
- The parking provision meets only minimum standards leading to the likelihood that an excess of vehicles and visiting traffic will park on the roadside creating safety issues on Brindley Heath Road and Bradbury Lane and nuisance to surrounding residents. Mitigation measures would be needed in this regard.
- The single access point serving all fifteen dwellings is relatively close to the crossroads/junction and will provide limited visibility to motorists entering and exiting the site when traffic is accelerating into Brindley Heath Road from the traffic lights at the crossroads.
- The adverse effects of the development on Cannock Chase SAC, particularly in the absence of adequate mitigation and avoidance measures to protect its integrity.

The Parish Council supports the comments made by the Environmental Protection Section as the noise from the road and railway line may present a risk to the amenity of future residents.

The Parish Council would like to ask that the application is ‘called in’, to be determined by the District Council’s Planning Control Committee.

The following planning applications had been listed on the District Council’s weekly list of new planning applications and were discussed prior to receipt of the consultations:

**Application Number:** CH/23/0001

**Address:** 65 Brindley Crescent Hednesford

**Development:** First floor side extension to create a small 3rd bedroom and study

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number:** CH/23/0004

**Address:** Larkholme, Shooting Butts Road, Rugeley

**Development:** Single and 2 no. storey extensions

**Observations:** No objections

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

No decisions had been received.

**7. UPDATES ON OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

Chairman’s Initials .....

Advertisement Banners

The Chairman reminded the Committee that there had been ongoing communications with Cannock Chase Council about the display of advertisement banners in different locations in the AONB.

The Committee agreed that the item should be closed apart from monitoring the display of any new banners.

Road Classifications

At the last meeting the Committee had suggested seeking clarification on the requirement for planning permission for the installation of new drives/roads and chalets. The definition of an unclassified road was also questioned.

The Council noted previous advice given by Cannock Chase Council (in an email dated 7 March 2022) referencing unclassified roads and permitted development. It suggested that a means of access to and from a highway can be permitted development where the highway is not a trunk road, or a classified road and access is required in connection with permitted development by any Class in Schedule 2 of the order (other than by Class A of this part). The permitted development right is not restricted by inclusion of the land within the AONB.

Classified roads were noted as local roads intended for local traffic. The vast majority (60%) of roads in the UK fall within this category.

The Chairman expressed concern about the installation of chalets and roads without the requirement for planning permission.

Freedom of Information Request

The Clerk advised the Committee that the information requested had been delivered.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Planning Committee meeting would take place on Tuesday 4 April 2023 (thereafter amended to 28 March 2023).

The venue for the meeting would be the White House, Marquis Drive, Brindley Heath.

Signed.....

Chairman  
Councillor D. Cotton

Date.....