

LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Committee Room 1, Guildhall, Lichfield, at 6.30pm on Thursday, 20 August 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S James (Chairman), and Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, R Awty, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, B Cocksey, D Dundas, I Eadie, Mrs J Eagland, C Greatorex, Mrs J Greaves, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, T Matthews, B McMullan, D Smedley, A Thompson, Mrs L Warfield, M Warfield and R Yardley.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs M Boyle, J Brooks, P Hitchman, A Smith, C Spruce and M Thompson

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Those City councillors present who were also members of the District Council's Planning Committee and/or Licensing Committee confirmed that their comments at this meeting were a preliminary view and that they might change their view when they heard all of the evidence at the District Council's Planning Committee and/or Licensing Committee.

Cllr Mrs D Baker declared an interest under 'B' in Application No. 15/00192/FUL because the applicants are personal friends.

Cllr D Smedley left the meeting prior to the consideration of item 32 (Friarsgate Consultation) by virtue of his position at the District Council.

28 MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

29 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Members considered Lichfield District Council Premises Licences as per agenda Appendix C.

RESOLVED: *That the Premises Licences be noted.*

30 APPEAL NOTICES

- a) Correspondence regarding an Appeal Notice was considered for the erection of 13 no three storey town houses, formation of new vehicular access from Wissage Road and associated works at land adj. Samuel Johnson Community Hospital, Trent Valley Road. The City Council's comment on 12 March 2015 was "*Recommend Refusal; a) Gross overdevelopment of the site - too many small properties crammed onto small narrow site b) Loss of amenity to adjacent properties with 3-storey properties dominating the frontage to a narrow road, and requiring removal of existing mature hedgerow c) Would increase traffic congestion at the junction with Wissage Road/Trent Valley Road d) Insufficient car parking which will exacerbate existing parking problems caused by hospital site e) Dangerous access/egress opposite junction with Valley Lane*"

- b) Correspondence regarding an Appeal Notice was considered for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 no 5 bedroom houses and associated works at 22 Gaiafields Road. The City Council's comment on 16 April 2015 was "*Recommend Refusal; 1 Subdivision of the plot would detract from the character and environmental quality of the area 2 Due to the site access being adjacent to a well used public footpath the increased traffic would be a danger to pedestrians.*"

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk writes supporting the District Council's refusal of the applications.*

31 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the decisions of Lichfield District Council on planning applications as listed on Agenda Appendix 'B' be received and noted.**
- 2 That recommendations be submitted to Lichfield District Council in respect of planning applications as listed in Appendix 'A'.**

32 FRIARSGATE CONSULTATION

Members looked at the consultation plans for the proposed new Friarsgate shopping centre.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk respond to the Friarsgate consultation requesting that consideration be given to:

- a) the study by John Chatwin,**
- b) provision for pedestrians crossing Birmingham Road,**
- c) coach parking provision**
- d) the monotonous uniform roofline in the current design**

33 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting be altered to Tuesday, 22 September 2015

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.20PM

CHAIRMAN