

PLANNING COMMITTEE

5 MAY 2015

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Smedley (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Allsopp, Awty, Bacon, Mrs Bacon, Cox, Drinkwater, Mrs Eagland, Heath, Humphreys, Marshall, Mosson, Pritchard, Pullen, Roberts, D.S. Smith, Walker MBE, and Willis-Croft.

(**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs Richards, Mrs Stanhope MBE and Strachan)

261 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Drinkwater and Smedley – Non Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Application 14/01174/FUL as they were members of the Licensing and Consents Panel that considered a Club Certificate Licence at the same premises.

262 MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 April 2015 and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

263 DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Applications for permission for development were considered with the recommendations of the Strategic Director – Democratic, Development and Legal Services and any letters of representation and petitions together with a supplementary report of observations/representations received since the publication of the agenda in the determination of Planning Applications numbered 14/01025/COU, 14/01174/FUL and 15/00251/COU.

264 **HAMMERWICH – 14/01025/COU – RETENTION OF EXISTING CEMETERY BUILDING AND CHANGE OF USE TO MAUSOLEUM AND CREATION OF OVERFLOW PARKING AT WALSALL BURIAL PARK, BURNTWOOD WAY, BURNTWOOD FOR MIDLANDS FUNERAL DIRECTORS LTD**

RESOLVED: That planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

The site lies within the Green Belt where new development is inappropriate unless it meets one of the exceptional circumstances. The applicant has not provided very special circumstances, including a proven need for a mausoleum in this location, to outweigh the harm caused to the Green Belt and the development therefore constitutes inappropriate development. The development is therefore contrary to Policy NR2 of the Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy (2015) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The development does not provide adequate parking within the site boundary thereby increasing the likelihood of people parking on the public highway, to the detriment of the safety of users of the highway contrary to Policy ST2 of the Lichfield District Local

Plan Strategy (2015).

The site lies adjacent to the local school and, due to noise and general disturbance within school grounds, will not offer peaceful surroundings leading to the likelihood of complaints against the school contrary to Policy BE1 of the Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy (2015).

Note to applicant:

The Local Planning Authority has worked with the applicant but it is considered that the proposal does not conform to the core planning principles of the NPPF.

265 DRAYTON BASSETT – 14/01174/FUL – INSTALLATION OF 6 X 15M HIGH FLOODLIGHTING COLUMNS TO PROVIDE 180 LUX ILLUMINATION ONTO THE PITCH PLAYING SURFACE FOOTBALL GROUND, NEW MILL LANE, FAZELEY FOR MR C BROWN

RESOLVED: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the report of the Strategic Director – Democratic, Development and Legal Services, in respect of the proposed development.

(PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY MR L J BROWN, OBJECTOR AND MR P BARNES, APPLICANT)

266 ARMITAGE WITH HANDSACRE – 15/000251/COU – CHANGE OF USE OF GARAGE TO ACUPUNTURE CONSULTING ROOM, 8 HORSELEY CROFT, HAWKSYARD, RUGELEY FOR MRS V HARRISON EDWARDS

RESOLVED: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the report and supplementary report of the Strategic Director – Democratic, Development and Legal Services, in respect of the proposed development.

267 EDINGALE – 15/00342/ADV – INSTALLATION OF NON ILLUMINATED INTERPRETATION PANEL AT, HARLASTON LANE, EDINGALE FOR NORTHWEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the report and supplementary report of the Strategic Director – Democratic, Development and Legal Services, in respect of the proposed development.

268 VOTE OF THANKS:

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Fisher wished to thank Councillors Smedley, Hogan, Mrs Stanhope and Marshall in their role as Vice Chairmen of the Committee during her Chairmanship over that past four

years. She also thanked Officers for their support and work.

The Committee thanked the Chairman and Vice Chairman for their work during the past year and Council term. Members also expressed gratitude to Councillors Heath and D. S Smith who were retiring as Councillors for their service as Committee Members.

RESOLVED: That the sincere thanks of the Committee be accorded to the Chairman, past and present Vice-Chairmen, Members of the Committee and Officers for their services during the past year.

(The Meeting closed at 7.40 pm)

CHAIRMAN