




# Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee of Rugeley Town Council held online over Zoom at 7.00pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: D. Gaye (Chair) C. Green  
O. Lyons N. Mahon  
K. Tait-Green G. Turner  
J. Williams (Vice)

**ALSO PRESENT:** H Goodreid – Town Clerk

Min No	Item	Action
<b>70</b> 70.1	<b>Apologies</b> All Councillors were in attendance.	
<b>71.</b> 71.1	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> Cllr Mahon declared an interest in application CH/20/075.	
<b>72</b> 72.1	<b>Chair to close the meeting for public session.</b> No members of public had been in touch with the Clerk.	
<b>73</b> 73.1	<b>Chair to reopen meeting.</b> The Chair reopened the committee meeting.	
<b>74</b> 74.1	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 were read and agreed. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Mahon</i> <b>It was agreed to approve the minutes of the planning committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</b>	
<b>75.</b> 75.1	<b>Actions Arising</b> There were concerns that the planning officer involved with application CH/20/075 was not responding to councillors requests for information.	
<b>76.</b> 76.1	<b>Chairman's Announcement</b> <u>Planning Decisions – Cannock Chase District Council</u> Any decisions had been emailed through to Councillors and were posted on the Town Council website.	
76.2	<u>Planning Decisions – Staffordshire County Council</u> No planning applications had been received.	

<p><b>77.</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> <p>g)</p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><u>CH/21/0034 - 3 Brook Square, Rugeley, WS15 2DT</u>  Installation of 1 x 65-inch freestanding digital screen display unit providing passenger information and advertisements.  <b>Councillors were concerned with the location of the proposed display unit. It was felt that this would add more clutter to the street furniture in the town centre at this location. Brook Square is used for public events and the space needs to be kept free. Councillors also wanted to ensure that the advertising proposed on the board was affordable and for local events and businesses only and not businesses in neighbouring Lichfield, Stafford, Cannock etc. It would be preferred that the display board should be placed on the walkway up to the bus station from Brook Square, in the flower beds.</b></p> <p><u>CH/21/0035 - 3 Brook Square, Rugeley, WS15 2DT</u>  Advertisement application – illuminated digital screen display providing passenger transport information and advertisements.  <b>See comments above.</b></p> <p><u>CH/21/0043 – 1-3 The Pear Tree Shopping Centre, Queensway, Rugeley WS15 1NN</u>  Advertisement application – various illuminated / non illuminated signs and refurbishment of existing double sided illuminated totem.  <b>Concern from the Councillors that if the advertising is illuminated all night, this may affect the quality of life for local residents – would want to ensure that the lights are switched off at a reasonable time.</b></p> <p><u>CH/21/0051 – 75 Hednesford Road, Rugeley, WS15 1JS</u>  2 storey rear and side extension.  <b>No Objection.</b></p> <p><u>CH/21/0063 – 8 Church Lane, Etchinghill, Rugeley, WS15 2TH</u>  Demolish existing free standing garage. Rebuild proposed larger garage to include utility and rear entrance / cloaks.  <b>No Comment</b></p> <p><u>CH/21/0069 and CH/21/0070 – Market Hall, Bees Lane, Rugeley, WS15 2DR</u>  Replacement of wall mounted digital screen display providing passenger information at bus station. 2 x units upgraded to 55 inch TFT display.  <b>No Comment</b></p> <p><u>CH/21/0072 – 6 Anson Street, Rugeley WS15 2BB</u>  First floor rear extension to create self-contained flat.  <b>No Comment</b></p>	
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h)	<p><u>CH/21/0033 – Anson Street, Rugeley, WS15 2BB</u>  Advertisement application – installation of 1 x 1.95m internally illuminated freestanding digital screen unit providing passenger transport information.</p> <p><b>Councillors were concerned with the location of this proposed display unit. It was felt that this would add more clutter to the street furniture already in the town centre at this location. The proposed location is an area where quiet contemplation takes place around the war memorial. There is already a lot of street furniture and obstacles in this area including benches, trees, flower beds etc and this quiet space in the conservation area will not be enhanced by a large display board. Should CCDC be minded to install a display board in this location, Councillors would prefer that its location be placed in one of the raised flower beds rather than additional street furniture. Councillors also wanted to ensure that if approved, the advertising proposed on the board was affordable and for local events and businesses only and not businesses in neighbouring Lichfield, Stafford, Cannock etc.</b></p>	
i)	<p><u>CH/20/075 – Blue Cedars, 29 Beechmere Rise, Etchinghill, Rugeley, WS15 2XR</u>  It was agreed that this application would be considered at the March Planning Committee as it had only been received that day.</p>	
<b>78</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
78.1	The date of the next meeting would be online on 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	

There being no further matters the meeting concluded at 7.25pm

Signed:

