



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee of Rugeley Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm Wednesday 20th October 2021.

PRESENT:

Councillors: C. Green I. Hodgson
C. Martin

ALSO PRESENT:

H Goodreid – Town Clerk
11 Members of Public attended the meeting
1 Member of Public attending the meeting online

Min No	Item	Action
	As the Chair of the committee was absent and the Vice Chair was no longer a councillor, it was agreed that Cllr Green take the Chair for the meeting.	
48 48.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Gaye, Grant, Mahon and Tait-Green.	
49. 49.1	Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial interest in any item on the agenda None were declared.	
50 50.1	To receive any requests for dispensation None were declared.	
51 51.1	Chair to close the meeting for public session. 11 Members of public + one online, attended the meeting in order to speak about planning application 21/33668/COU – Land Adjacent to Bower Lane, Etchinghill, Rugeley. A spokesperson for the group was appointed and the following concerns were raised:	
51.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encroaching on AONB land • Land in Green Belt 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felt that this is initially development with the intention that the site will be put up for more intensive development later • Proposed driveway is excessive for access to a field for dog walking • 26/2/21 – email from Stafford Borough Council (SBC) advised of hours of usage which would be 365 days per year between the hours of 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday Spring and Summer; 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday Autumn and Winter; Saturdays 8am – 5pm; Sundays 10am – 4pm. • 22/2/21 email from agent which advised max of 1 slot per hour max of 3 dogs. Concern is that the income from this does not equate to the expense of the development which gives concerns re the real reason for the development. • Concern that intimidation tactics were being used on social media to target members of public that were objecting to the application. • Concern that SBC have not undertaken the appropriate neighbourhood consultation in the first application and the amended application. • Question from Cllrs if residents had approached Colwich Parish Council for their support in objecting to this application • Cllrs suggested that the residents attend the SBC planning committee to make formal objection. • Cllrs suggested approaching CCDC Cllrs Johnson, Startin and Sutherland and SCC Cllr Sutherland to seek support. 	
52	Chair to reopen meeting.	
53 53.1	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15th September 2021 were read and agreed.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Martin; Seconded: Cllr Hodgson.</i></p> <p>It was agreed to approve the minutes of the planning committee held on 15th September 2021.</p>	
54. 54.1	<p>Actions Arising</p> <p>All actions had been dealt with.</p>	
55. 55.1 55.2	<p>Chairman’s Announcement</p> <p><u>Planning Decisions – Cannock Chase District Council</u> Applications or decision notices had been forwarded to Cllrs.</p> <p><u>Planning Decisions – Staffordshire County Council</u> No applications or decision notices had been received.</p>	
56. A)	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>21/33668/COU – Land adjacent to Bower Lane, Etchinghill, Rugeley</u> Change of Use from agricultural land to dog exercise area with associated access track and parking area – AMENDED PLANS</p> <p>Cllrs noted the objections from residents identified in the public session. Cllrs agreed to object to the application and will also contact Cannock Chase District Council to request</p>	Clerk to make comments

	that they also object to the application in support of Cannock Chase residents.	
B)	<u>CH/21/0102A – Sheepfair, Rugeley, WS15 2AT</u> Discharge of Conditions No.5 (Archaeological Investigation), 6 (External Environment-Landscape), 7 (Tree & hedge protection). Pursuant to CH/21/0102. No Objections	
C)	<u>CH/21/0308 - Former Rugeley Power Station Site, Rugeley Power Station, Rugeley, WS15 1NZ</u> Reserved matters following outline approval - (access, appearance, landscaping and layout pursuant to 19/00753/OUTMEI and CH/19/201) for the construction of a Riverside Park - AMENDED PLANS No Objection	
D)	<u>CH/21/0372 - 3 Bow Street, Rugeley, WS15 2BT</u> Change of use from retail to Sui generis (dog groomers) Already Approved	
E)	<u>CH/21/0381 - 57 Horse Fair, Rugeley, WS15 2EJ</u> Conversion and extension of building to create three first floor flats and one ground floor flat. No Objection	
F)	<u>CH/21/0387 - 33 Mardell House, Market Street, Rugeley, WS15 2JH</u> Change of use of former Funeral Directors premises with first floor one bedroom flat, garages and storage to 4x2 bedroom flats together with rear first floor extension Cllrs Objected to this application owing to insufficient off-street parking for the proposed development and over development of the site.	Clerk to make comments
G)	<u>CH/21/0392 - 4 Hampton Court, Rugeley, WS15 2BF</u> 1st Floor extension above existing side garage No Objection	
H)	<u>CH/21/0394 - 17 Fairmount Way, Rugeley, WS15 2SX</u> First floor side extension (resubmission of CH/20/364) Cllrs wish to consider this application at the November Planning Committee	Clerk to place on November agenda.
I)	<u>CH/21/0402 - Cannock Chase Forest Centre, Rugeley, Birches Valley, WS15 2UP</u> Temporary use of an area of Cannock Chase Forest Centre for the purpose of hosting the Mountain Biking event for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games; erection of temporary structures including a spectator areas including temporary stand; vehicle and pedestrian access areas; broadcast/operation compounds; athletes preparation area; all with associated fencing. No Objection	

J)	<u>CH/21/0403 - 7 Penk Drive North, Rugeley, WS15 2XY</u> First Floor extension at rear No Objection	
57 57.1	Date of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting would be held on 17 th November 2021	

There being no further matters the meeting concluded at 7.40pm

Signed 

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Date: 17th November 2021