

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Gary Sanders (Chair), Councillor Bill Wright (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Roger Berrington, Berneta Layne, Sam Maxwell (substituting for Stuart Maxwell), Phil Moitt and Robert Waterton.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Pauline Snow, Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

59. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Stuart Maxwell.

60. Disclosures of Interest

A disclosure of a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest was made by Councillors Sam Maxwell and Bill Wright in agenda item 9, Blaby District Council – Car Parks Consultation, as members of the Blaby District Scrutiny Group reviewing the Car Parks Strategy.

61. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may attend the meeting for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answer questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present.

62. Minutes of the Meeting held 15th October 2015

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2015 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

63. Planning Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority

The Committee received and noted responses to planning applications taken under Delegated Authority (item 5 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Executive Officer & Town Clerk under delegated authority in forwarding the following observations to Blaby District Council be noted:

1. **Application No:** 15/1301/FUL
Description: Installation of 1 Temporary Refrigerated (40ft) Container (between 1st November and 31st January annually)
- Location:** Marks & Spencers Unit 9 Fosse Park Avenue Enderby Leicestershire.
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council has no observations.*
- Reason:** *The temporary refrigerated container was located within the yard with other similar containers and there appeared to be enough space to accommodate it.*

64. Planning Applications

The Committee received details of planning applications to be considered by Blaby District Council (item 6 on the agenda).

The Executive Officer and Town Clerk reported that while notice had been given by Blaby District Council of application 15/1321/DOC for determination (listed as application 2 on agenda item 6), the documents had not been made available. This item would therefore be postponed until a subsequent meeting or determined under Delegated Authority.

RESOLVED that the following responses be forwarded to Blaby District Council:

1. **Application No:** 15/1290/HH
- Description:** Increase in roof height incorporating dormer windows to front and rear elevations, and single storey front and rear extensions
- Location:** 10 Percy Street Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 2FL
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council wishes to make the following comments: a condition should be added to the approval which states that the provision for 3 off-road parking spaces must be retained in perpetuity.*
- Reason:** *The plans provided for 5 bedrooms and it was essential that these spaces should be retained for future use.*

65. Additional Planning Applications

The Committee received details of planning applications received since the publication of the agenda (item 7 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the following responses be forwarded to Blaby District Council:

1. **Application No:** 15/1380/HH
- Description:** Two storey side extension and demolition of existing conservatory.
- Location:** 68 Tuffleys Way, Braunstone Town, Leicester, LE3 3UT
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council objects to this application since the proposed development would result in over-development of the site due to scale and mass and provided insufficient parking provision.*
- Reason:** *The proposed development would be detrimental to the amenities enjoyed by the occupants of neighbouring properties due to over-bearing effect and the plans contain four bedrooms, while there was no provision for three off road parking spaces.*
2. **Application No:** 15/1363/HH
- Description:** Two storey rear extension (Revised Scheme)
- Location:** 130 Narborough Road South, Braunstone Town, Leicester, LE3 2FQ
- Response:**
1. *In accordance with Local Plan Policy T7 replacement on-site parking facilities should be provided: dwellings with more than 4 bedrooms – 3 spaces, 3 or less bedrooms – 2 spaces.*
 2. *The upstairs side window in the extension should be obscured glass and the occupiers of neighbouring properties should be fully consulted in connection with the proposals.*
- Reasons:**
1. *The proposals provided for 4 upstairs rooms, the plans provide no indication of the number of parking spaces.*
 2. *It was possible that neighbouring properties would be overlooked, which would be detrimental to the amenity enjoyed by these properties on the grounds of privacy*

66. Lubbesthorpe Development

- a) Members noted that a public drop-in had been organised for Wednesday 25th November, between 5pm – 8pm for residents to raise issues concerning the development and in particular the M1 bridge construction.
- b) It was noted that a response had been received from Blaby District Council that they would not provide a response on discharge items such as utilities or design. Members asked that the matter be discussed further at the next meeting of the Plans and Environment Committee.

- c) Members were asked to consider issues to raise at the next meeting of the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Board. Members agreed that to defer this matter until after the public drop-in meeting on Wednesday 25th November. The Town Clerk & Executive Officer had been asked to confirm the date of the next meeting.

67. Blaby District Council – Car Parks Consultation

The Committee considered Blaby District Council's Car Parks Consultation to determine whether to submit a response (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the following response be given "the Car Parks Strategy and objectives be supported, subject to parking for disabled people holding blue badges being free of charge".

Reason for Decision

A blue badge holder should not be time limited on free parking and should be entitled to park for free up to the maximum stay for parking in the car park provided the blue badge was displayed.

68. Temporary Road Closure of Beggars Lane, Lubbesthorpe

The Committee received a notice of the closure of Beggars Lane, Lubbesthorpe from 9th November 2015 for up to 7 weeks (item 10 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the closure be noted.

Reason for Decision

Work was due to be carried out on the construction of a new roundabout for New Lubbesthorpe and the diversion route used was the most appropriate route.

69. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.

EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;
- foster good relations between different groups

To ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.

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DATED _____