

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Waterton (Chair), Councillor Bill Wright (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Parminder Basra, Phil Moitt, Satindra Sangha and Darshan Singh.

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

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

138. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Mr John Dodd (Ex-Officio).

139. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by members.

140. 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 answering questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present.

141. Minutes of the Meeting held 7th March 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2019 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

142. Planning and Licensing Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority

The Committee received and noted responses to planning applications taken under Delegated Authority (item 5 on the agenda). No licensing applications were received.

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:** 19/0226/HH
- Description:** Proposed single storey front and side extension and detached store to the rear
- Location:** 77 Narborough Road South Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 2HD
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application, subject to:*
- a) *on-site parking for 3 vehicles being provided prior to the garage conversion and remaining permanently available for parking; and*
 - b) *the detached store to the rear should only be used in connection with the domestic use of the main dwelling, must not be used for any business activity, and must not be sold or otherwise disposed of.*
- Reasons:**
- a) *The proposals would result in an additional bedroom, with the loss of the existing Garage parking provision. To avoid over parking on a busy narrow section of the highway which is close to a junction and therefore could present safety concerns to highway users.*
 - b) *To avoid an adverse impact on the amenity enjoyed by the neighbouring property in terms of noise and nuisance caused by business activity in a residential area and to avoid overdevelopment of the site.*

143. **Planning Applications and Licensing Applications**

The Committee received details of planning and licensing applications to be considered by Blaby District Council (item 6 on the agenda). The Committee noted that there were no licensing applications.

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

Planning Applications

1. **Application No:** 19/0283/FUL
- Description:** The resurfacing of existing car parking and public realm and change of use for car parking and placement of temporary structures for one Class A1

unit, and up to five Class A3 / A5 pop ups with associated seating areas and fencing.

Location: Fosse Park North Fosse Park Avenue Enderby Leicestershire

Response: *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application in principle; however, either the specific design should be revised prior to approval to ensure permanent pedestrian connectivity from the main pedestrian footway (to the south east) or a restriction on opening imposed on any units, including the EE (Ref K1) unit, when the 8 part-time (referred to as temporary) car parking spaces were in use.*

Reason: *The proposals were in keeping with the retail designation, design and appearance of the site. However, the existence of the 8 part-time (referred to as temporary) car parking spaces would block pedestrian access from the main pedestrian footway (to the south east) meaning if units were trading on the remaining part of the proposed site pedestrians would have to walk round the parking spaces on the access road presenting safety issues.*

2. Application No: 19/0263/HH

Description: Single storey rear extension with canopy

Location: 172 Kingsway Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 2TU

Response: *Braunstone Town Council has no objections to the proposal.*

Reason: *The proposal was single storey on a reasonable sized plot, garage space was provided and the rear extension wouldn't overlook neighbouring properties. The proposals were unlikely to have an adverse impact on the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring properties.*

144. Additional Planning and Licensing Applications

The Committee received details of planning applications received since the publication of the agenda (item 7 on the agenda). The Committee noted that there were no licensing applications.

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

3. Application No: 19/0319/HH

Description: Single storey rear extension

Location: 53 Braunstone Close Braunstone Town
Leicestershire LE3 2GU

Response: *Braunstone Town Council has no objections to the proposal.*

Reason: *The proposal was single storey on a reasonable sized plot and the rear extension wouldn't overlook neighbouring properties. The proposals were unlikely to have an adverse impact on the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring properties.*

145. Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Forum

The Committee considered future arrangements following the end of the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Forum (item 8 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the offer by Leicester Forest East Parish Council to meet with them on a bi-monthly basis to discuss matters relating to the impact that New Lubbesthorpe was having on the surrounding parishes be accepted and that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee attend on behalf of the Town Council;
2. that the Planning & Environment Committee continue to schedule an item prior to and subsequent to the meetings (referred to in 1 above); and
3. that in the absence of a suitable response from Blaby District Council Planning Department to the letter attached at Appendix 1, the Council write to the Chief Executive of Blaby District Council pointing out that it had not received a response and setting out its objections to the ending of the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Forum and requesting that the decision be reviewed.

Reasons for Decision

1. *To enable the Town Council to continue to effectively engage and represent residents in respect of the wider impact of the Lubbesthorpe development.*
2. *To identify issues relating to Lubbesthorpe for discussion at the bi-monthly meetings and to provide a mechanism for feedback to the Council.*

3. *The Forum had been an opportunity to discuss the wider issues relating to the Lubbethorpe development and there were few alternative opportunities to do this and attempts should be made to restore opportunities for dialogue and information sharing.*

146. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____