

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Waterton (Chair), Phil Moitt (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Sohan Johal, Satindra Sangha, Christiane Startin-Lorent and Marion Waterton and Mr John Dodd (Ex-Officio).

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

There were two members of the public present at the meeting.

112. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Darshan Singh and Imran Uddin.

113. Disclosures of Interest

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

114. 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 two members of the public present.

115. Minutes of the Meeting held 9th January 2020

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2020 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

116. 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:** 20/0019/HH
Description: Single storey side extension, garage conversion and internal Alterations
Location: 23 Amy Street Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 2FA (Ravenhurst & Fosse Ward)
Response: *Braunstone Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to details of flood proofing / resilience and resistance techniques being submitted in accordance with 'Improving the flood performance of new dwellings' CLG (2007) and approved by the Local Planning Authority.*
Reason: *The proposals were single storey on a large plot, which included replacing the existing garage provision; therefore the proposals were unlikely to have an adverse impact on the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring properties. The property was in flood zone and appropriate mitigating measures should be undertaken.*

117. 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).

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

Planning Application

- 1. Application No:** 20/0018/HHPD
Description: The erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by 6 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3 metres and the height to eaves would be 3 metres
Location: 19 St Marys Avenue Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 3FT (Winstanley Ward)
Response: *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application.*

Reason: *The proposals were for a single storey building at the rear of the property which was on a large plot; therefore there would be limited impact on the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring properties.*

Licensing Application

- 2. Application No:** M & B Jackets
- Description:** Application Renewal
- Location:** Meridian East Business Park
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the renewal of this street trading application, subject to any conditions applied to the original consent being applied to the renewal consent.*
- Reason:** *The Town Council was not aware of any public safety, health or environmental issues in relation to this trader; however, it was important that any conditions currently applied continued to be applied in order to meet these objectives.*

118. Additional Planning and Licensing Applications

The Committee received details of a planning application 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:** 19/1458/FUL
- Description:** Change of use of caretaker bungalow for educational purposes
- Location:** Winstanley Community College Kingsway North (Winstanley Ward)
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application.*
- Reason:** *The Bungalow was integral to the school site, it realistically could not be made available for private use, and was not adjacent to other residential*

dwellings; therefore, there was unlikely to be an adverse impact upon the surrounding residential area.

119. Welcome Signage to Thorpe Astley

The Committee received proposed designs for welcome signage at Thorpe Astley and considered the next stages of the process, including consultation (item 8 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the proposed design of the *Welcome to Thorpe Astley* signs, including sizes and specification, as attached at Appendix 2, be approved for consultation;
2. that the location of the *Welcome to Thorpe Astley* signs, as shown by the purple asterisks on the map, as attached at Appendix 3, be endorsed for consultation; and in addition, the potential of the Withers Way sign to be located at the junction of Withers Way and Meridian Way be explored, and if permitted, the consultation invite responses on the two alternative options;
3. that a consultation on the reasons for the proposed *Welcome to Thorpe Astley signs*, their design, specification and location, be undertaken between Friday 28th February 2020 for 3 weeks and closing at 9am on Monday 23rd March 2020 in accordance with the detail set out in the section of the report "Consultation and Approvals"; and
4. that delegated authority be given to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee, to undertake and to commission the necessary consultations and approvals, as set out in Phase 3 of *Process for third party funded schemes*, attached at Appendix 1, including modification of the consultation set out in the report and at 2 and 3 above in order to comply with Leicestershire County Council requirements.

Reasons for Decision

1. *The design welcomed drivers to Thorpe Astley, incorporating a message to drive carefully. The design also included the Parish Coat of Arms, to identify that Thorpe Astley was an integral part of Braunstone Town.*
2. *The signs would be located at the entrances to the residential area. On Withers Way, there was a brick wall which contained the words Thorpe Astley close to the proposed location of the sign (Appendix 3); given the number of accidents on the stretch of Withers Way adjacent to the A563, it may be more effective to locate the welcome sign at the junction with Meridian Way.*
3. *To ensure residents and other relevant parties were informed about the proposal and the rationale and to provide them with an opportunity to make alternative suggestions.*

4. *To enable the necessary consultations to take place and permissions and approvals to be sought in order that the signs could be manufactured and installed.*

120. Lubbesthorpe

The Committee considered any issues for the next meeting of local Parishes concerning Lubbesthorpe.

On 22nd January 2020, Leicester Forest East Parish Council had considered an item "To discuss the possibility of another Lubbesthorpe Liaison Meeting". The minutes of the meeting record that Leicester Forest East "Councillors Fox and Di Palma confirmed that they would be happy to attend another Lubbesthorpe liaison meeting. Councillor Bob Waterton, of Braunstone Town Council, had offered to contact other parishes who may be interested in attending the next meeting. The Council asked the Clerk to take Councillor Waterton up on his kind offer".

Councillor Waterton advised the Committee that this wasn't his understanding of the conversation with Councillor Fox. However, he was prepared to consider contacting Enderby, Kirby Muxloe and Lubbesthorpe Parish Councils to discuss.

RESOLVED that the following be explored:

- (a) whether local parishes would be interested in holding regular meetings;
- (b) the Committee scheduling a progress review of Lubbesthorpe, to be considered four times per year; and
- (c) when invited to submit ideas for Blaby District Scrutiny Work Programme, monitoring and reviewing progress with Lubbesthorpe be submitted, and include a suggestion that a representative from each the four parishes previously represented on the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Forum be invited to participate.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that Braunstone Town Council could be involved in discussions relating to the impact of the New Lubbesthorpe development on the parish and the wider area, particularly concerning infrastructure improvements and housing and service provision.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

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: _____