

Planning, Infrastructure and Highways

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30th October 2019

To: **Members of the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee**

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Kidsgrove Town Council Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee to be held at **7.00pm on Monday 4th November 2019** (Chairman's Room).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sue Davies'.

Sue Davies
Town Clerk

Business to be transacted

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To note declarations of Members' Interests
3. To receive, confirm and resolve to agree the minutes the meeting held on the 10th October 2019. (Appendix 1)
4. Public Participation
A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments. (No individual to speak for more than 2 minutes without the permission of the chairman).
5. To consider any matters arising from the meeting of the 10th October not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

- a. Request for visits to speak to the Council by:
 - i. Highways England
 - ii. Staffordshire County Council Highways
 - iii. Environmental officer regarding air quality.
 - b. Update on Woodside Close – poor state of road/footpath 114
 - c. Road adjacent to the Town Hall – potholes – an update
 - d. School Crossing Patrols – to receive an update
 - e. Speed watch – to receive an update on the border signs.
 - f. SIDS – to receive a verbal update.
6. Noticeboards: To receive a draft report compiled from councillor contributions and to agree any actions. (To be circulated)
7. To receive and review an updated copy of the 5-year plan and draft budget subsequent to the discussion at the meeting of the 10th October. (To be circulated)
8. Local Plan – To receive correspondence relating to the Local Plan. (Appendix 2)
9. Neighbourhood Plan: To consider and agree any further actions required.
10. Planning Matters
- a. To consider any planning applications: To be circulated
 - b. To receive updates on existing applications
11. To note and receive items or updates on any other highways matters arising to be considered by the Committee.
- a. Gully problems behind the Victoria Hall– to receive an update
 - b. Any others raised.
12. Chair's or Clerk's Items to raise to the Committee.
13. Future Key Agenda Items:
Map of Town
Welcome blocks to the town – maintenance
Parking outside of schools
14. To agree the date and time of the next meeting: Monday, 9th December 2019

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Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee Meeting held on the 10th October 2019, 7:30pm, Chairman's Room, Victoria Hall

FPG/18-19/3/1 Present

Cllr M Stubbs (chair), Cllr J Dodgson, Cllr S Dymond *, Cllr A Cooper, Cllr K Robinson,
In attendance: Sue Davies, Town Clerk

*Arrived at 8:00

FPG/18-19/3/2 To receive and consider apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Burnett (business in London). In addition, Cllr Dymond had informed in advance that she would be late due to work commitments.

FPG/18-19/3/3 To note declarations of Member's Interests

None declared.

FPG/18-19/3/4 To receive and agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September were agreed by all present to be an accurate record of the meeting.

FPG/18-19/3/5 Public Participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.

No members of the public present.

To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the 3rd September not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

a) Request for visits to speak to the Committee:

- i) Highways England
- ii) Staffordshire County Council Highways
- iii) Air Quality – environmental officer

The Clerk is arranging visits from the relevant parties at future meetings.

Highways England have been contacted but have not yet replied. Staffordshire County Council Highways have also agreed to visit at a future date.

Action: The Clerk to progress.

b) Update on Woodside Close

The Clerk reported that costs are still being investigated. Two quotes received are very different in cost. Mr Rob Steel, of Staffordshire County Council Highways, has agreed to give his opinion and advise the best course of remedial action during a proposed visit to the Town Council on the 15th October.

Action: The Clerk to progress.

c) Road adjacent to the Town Hall – potholes

The Clerk agreed to continue to liaise with Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

Action: The Clerk to progress.

d) School Crossing Patrols

The Clerk is trying to arrange a meeting to discuss options with Staffordshire County Council.

Action: The Clerk to progress.

e) Speedwatch boundary signs – an update

Cllr Dodgson provided an update. The application is with Mr Rob Steele for consideration. Costs are still being finalised. The Clerk and Cllr Dodgson are meeting with Mr Rob Steele on the 15th October to discuss further.

Action: The Clerk to progress.

f) SIDS – to receive a verbal update

The SID provision is on hold until purchase of the boundary signs is complete.

Noticeboards: To receive a draft report compiled from councillor contributions and to agree any actions.

It was agreed that all councillors still need to send the Clerk information of any noticeboards such that a summary report can be compiled.

Cllr Robinson reported that there are three in the Talk and Butt Lane Ward.

It was agreed that repair of existing noticeboards should take precedence.

It was agreed that the purchase of any new noticeboards would be suited to a rolling program over a few years, if authorised by Council.

Action: Councillors to provide the information in their wards and for the Clerk to progress.

FPG/18-19/3/8 To receive an updated copy of the 5-year plan and to make any further observations prior to its progression to F & GP.

The committee's five-year plan projects were discussed in detail.

Action: The Clerk to update the plan based on discussions and to bring back to the next meeting.

FPG/18-19/3/9 To receive a budget update from the Clerk/RFO in relation to the Committee's budgetary requirements for 2020/21

Budgetary requirements were discussed in relation to the five-year plan and figures proposed for first review by Finance and General Purposes Committee. It was highlighted that a further review may be needed prior to approval by Full Council.

FPG/18-19/3/10 Neighbourhood Plan.

- a) To note the meeting held with NULBC Planning Officers of the 1st October 2019 and to approve any actions arising including a follow-up meeting arranged with NULBC Planning Officers on the 16th December 2019.

It was agreed that the attendees will be Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Robinson and the Clerk.

- b) To note the area designation notice.

The Committee noted that the area designation has now been received from NULBC.

- c) To receive the first draft of the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for discussion.

The Committee reviewed the draft Terms of Reference. It was agreed that, until a steering group ready to be put together, the Terms of Reference needs no further progression at present. Refinements will be made once the steering group is being formed. The clerk asked Councillors to feed comments to her in the meantime.

It was noted that the steering group will need to have a strong resident input although final approval of the plan will have to be made by Council due to regulations.

- d) To consider and agree any other actions required.

An event in the Victoria Hall was proposed and the Clerk informed that Mr Thomson had offered to speak at such an event.

Action: The Clerk to write an article and create a poster for review.

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To note planning applications received and to agree responses.

19/00782/TWA5 27 Crown Bank Talke Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 1PT

Removal of dead tree.

The Council **resolved** that it has no comment to make.

19/00766/OUT Erection of 1 dwelling

12, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 3NA
Erection of 1 dwelling.

The Council **resolved** that it has no comment to make.

19/00760/FUL Land North of West Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 1NT

Residential development for 71 dwelling, 53 dwelling houses and 18 apartments, and associated public open space and landscaping.

The Council **resolved** to object to this application – See appendix 2.

19/00752/ADV Harecastle Farm, Newcastle Td, Talke, ST7 1UR

I internally illuminated fascia sign, 1 set of individual letters and 2 single sided double legged post mounted signs with internal illumination.

The Council **resolved** that it has no comment to make.

19/00725/FUL 34, Church Lane, Mow Cop, ST7 4LY

Two story side/rear extension, single storey rear and side extensions

The Council **resolved** that it has no comment to make.

19/00717/FUL 33 and 35 Marsh Avenue, Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 4PX
Single Storey Extension

The Council **resolved** that it has no comment to make.

19/00714/FUL 22, Church Lane, Mow Cop, ST7 4LY

Retention of outbuilding.

The Council **resolved** that it has no comment to make.

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To note any other highways matters arising to be considered by the Committee at future meetings.

a) Gully problems behind the Victoria Hall

The Clerk will monitor as litter is now collecting around the drain entry.

b) Any other issues raised.

None

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Chair and Clerk's Items to raise to the Committee

The Clerk raised that Northwich Town Council is arranging section 8 training. It may be beneficial for two or three staff/Members to complete the training.

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Future Key Agenda Items.

Map of the Town
Welcome blocks to the town – maintenance
HGV reversing problem by school
Parking outside schools

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To agree the date and time of the next meeting: 19:00, Thursday, 4th November 2019.

The meeting concluded at 21:05

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Appendix 1

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22nd October 2019

19/00760/FUL Residential Development for 71 dwellings, 53 dwelling houses and 18 apartments, and associated public open space and landscaping.

Kidsgrove Town Council considered this application at its meeting of the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee on the 10th October 2019 and resolved to object.

The development will lead to the loss of employment land. In addition, the proposed houses are unacceptably close to the existing industrial area.

Whilst supportive of an increase in social housing for the area, the Town Council felt that Kidsgrove is in need of family homes, not apartments. It is unclear from the details supplied what proportion of the 20% social housing is family housing and how much apartments?

Infrastructure does not seem to be increasing sufficiently to meet the demand of the new houses, resulting in an increase in population in the Talke and Butt Lane area and, for example, getting doctor's appointments is currently very difficult. Places at local primary schools can already be hard to find.

The suitability of the access was questioned with concerns expressed. The nearby roundabout currently experiences problems with drivers not stopping and driving straight over and is becoming busier. This access roundabout was considered insufficient for the development. Parking is already a problem and the visibility on the road is often very poor due to HGV's parking on the double yellow lines waiting to enter the industrial site. These problems will also serve to increase risks to the safety of pedestrians.

There have been reports to the Town Council that increased development in the area has led to a rise in the water-table level and more risk of flooding. The Town Council feel that there seems to be little appreciation of this in the application nor mitigation.

There is a footpath which runs along the length of one edge of this development which is currently poorly maintained and is susceptible to flooding. Residents have expressed concern that there will be displacement of wildlife and a lengthy closure along the footpath, including badgers.

It has come to the Town Council's notice that this site was previously protected as a key mineral safeguarded area. The town council feels it should have been consulted in the removal of the protection on this site in the mineral plan by Staffordshire County Council.

The Town Council would like to see more reassurance that the trees and woodland will be protected and preserved as these serve to be important for both wildlife and to shield the

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properties of Old Butt Lane from the industrial sites.

The Town Council object due to the reasons listed. However, if the application were to be passed, the Town Council request that Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council request S106 monies to complete the improvement of the footpath from the bottom of West Street to Linley Lane (footpath 216). The improvement of this footpath would provide a much-needed safer route to school as well as use for amenity by local residents.

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Sue Davies, Town Clerk

Appendix 2

Public consultation on the Draft Joint Local Plan has been slightly delayed until next spring and is being scheduled for a discussion at Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council cabinet meetings in February 2020.

The plan period is to be changed from 2013 - 2033 to 2013 - 2037 in order to comply with the new national planning policy which indicates that Local Plans must cover a period of 15 years on adoption.

In order to comply with the guidance and to ensure the Local Plan is sound, additional work is under way to assess the housing need and sites to meet the supply for the extended period. We appreciate this slight delay might cause uncertainty for local people, but we are still making good progress with our plan.

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