

Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee

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Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee Meeting held on the Thursday, 6th August 2020, 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting

PHI/19-20/8/1

Present

Cllr M Stubbs, Cllr Dymond, Cllr G Burnett, Cllr A Cooper, Cllr C Dickens, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr V Jukes *, Cllr P Waring

In attendance: Sue Davies, Town Clerk

*Cllr Jukes left the meeting prior to the end due to computer problems.

PHI/19-20/8/2

To receive and consider apologies for absence

None received

PHI/19-20/8/3

To note declarations of Member's Interests

None

PHI/19-20/8/4

To receive and agree the minutes of the meetings held on 13th February 2020

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2020.

PHI/19-20/8/5

Public Participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.

None

PHI/19-20/8/6

To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the 13th February 2020 not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

a) Request for visits to speak to the Committee:

Chair

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i) Staffordshire County Council Highways

This meeting has not yet been arranged, but there are various matters which a meeting may be required (see further agenda items).

ii) Air Quality – Environmental Officer

This meeting has not yet been arranged.

b) Update on Woodside Cottages – poor state of road/footpath 114.

The Clerk reminded that the committee has resolved to pay half of the cost of the work (based on the quote received from the Staffordshire County Council recommended contractor), should the residents agree to pay the other half of the cost. The committee has further resolved that each party pay the contractor separately.

The Clerk has since written to one of the residents to suggest initiating the work through the contractor, but the reply suggested that it is now unclear if the residents wish to proceed or not. An offer has also been made for the Town Council to discuss the issue with Staffordshire County Council Footpaths team.

Action: The Clerk was asked to write a letter to residents to ask their views and the Town Council will also take the matter up with Staffordshire County Council.

c) Road adjacent to the Town Hall – potholes – an update

The issue is still awaiting feedback from Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council although it appears that some of the pot holes have had a temporary fill-in.

Action: The Clerk to pursue.

d) Information Boards – Canal and Kidsgrove Railway Station

The Clerk informed that herself and Cllr M Maxfield are now planning to pursue this.

Action: The Clerk to pursue.

PHI/19-20/8/7

To consider and approve a response to a highway’s consultation received from Staffordshire County Council.

The Staffordshire County Council Highways request for comments was considered, and a response agreed: To ensure all relevant householders are fully consulted before the scheme is agreed. The Clerk was asked to submit the agreed committee response on behalf of the Council.

PHI/19-20/8/8

To receive an update on the provision of CCTV.

The Clerk updated on progress and issues to be considered.

The results of some recent meetings were fed back:

Cllr Stubbs updated that himself and the Clerk have had further meetings with suppliers. He explained the benefit of mobile cameras attached to lamp posts to provide flexibility. The cost per year on the lamp posts is negligible.

Cllr Robinson expressed the view that now lockdown is over, some rapid progress is required. However, The Stoke Centre have informed that they do not have the resources to progress CCTV in Kidsgrove in the near future. He feels that the 4G

mobile cameras would be an option to progress the project with the view of tapping into the Stoke Centre in the future.

Cllr P Waring stated that his preference would be to monitor through Stoke but agreed that if they cannot proceed at the moment, we should start to move forward.

Cllr Cooper noted that there are costs of ensuring that the lamp posts are fixed with a socket, but it would be more beneficial to have several lamp posts fitted at first.

It was noted that there is a possibility that a camera at Clough Hall Park could be received through the Town Deal Fund.

It was agreed in principal that:

- a) Mobile cameras would be more beneficial than fixed
- b) There appears to be three or four main locations so provisionally, three cameras may be required. One camera may be funded by NULBC through the Town Deal money.
- c) Staffordshire County Council or Eon could be asked for a day rate.
- d) It would be beneficial ask for quote regarding project management.
- e) There are other parks which may need consideration.
- f) Discussions with the police are required to establish the key locations.
- g) The current budget capital outlay is £15,000, but there is money in capital reserves which could supplement this.
- h) Future revenue costs need establishing.
- i) Access to footage needs to be considered. It was agreed that this should be limited. The police will need access.
- j) The Clerk reminded that there is considerable licencing and policy to be put into place.
- k) The Clerk raised that a meeting with the Stoke Centre would be beneficial to learn more about their operations.

PHI/19-20/8/9

To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch support:

a) Provision of Signage

The Clerk will be working with Cllr Jukes to arrange signage on currently agreed sites.

b) Formation of a Community Speedwatch group for Talke/Butt Lane.

Cllr Robinson noted that a grant application for a mobile speed monitoring device had been submitted by the Talke and Butt Lane LAP Group but had been unsuccessful.

The new group needs to be re-registered.

The provision of a gun for the Talke and Butt Lane Community Group was discussed. The Clerk agreed to establish how much such devices cost.

PHI/19-20/8/10

To receive an update and approve a draft plan for the work with Safer Roads Staffordshire and Staffordshire County Council to provide further Speed Indicator Devices and to agree any further actions required.

The Clerk informed that until a meeting can be arranged between all the parties, the project cannot progress. The proposed site need evaluating. It was agreed that the Full Council should be asked for prospective locations. Cllr Cooper raised that Staffordshire County Council had raised that the number of sites currently proposed need reducing.

The Clerk asked the committee if the purchase of a mobile speed monitoring device could be considered. Some of the procurement has already been completed by the PCSO. The Committee agreed in principle that the Town Council could purchase one for use specifically in the Parish of Kidsgrove. It also need establishing that the SID will be used.

PHI/19-20/8/11 Neighbourhood Plan: To receive an update and to consider and agree any further actions required.

A meeting still needs to be arranged but the Council needs to be mindful of the changes in Planning Law being proposed. It was felt by the chair and vice of the group that a meeting should progress.

PHI/19-20/8/12 To consider and agree, in principle and subject to further details and costings, a request from Cllr Robinson and Cllr Cooper for the provision of two bus shelters.

Cllr Robinson has been in discussion with Staffordshire County Council who are willing to work with the Town Council to help provide the bus shelters subject to suitability of location. The Committee considered the request and agreed to the idea, subject to a report with detailed costings.

PHI/19-20/8/13 Noticeboards: To receive an update and to agree any actions

The Clerk informed that this project has not been progressed.

PHI/19-20/8/14 Planning Matters.

a) To consider any planning applications.

See appendix 1.

b) To receive updates on previous applications brought to the committee or Council.

No further updates

PHI/19-20/8/15 To note any other highways matters arising to be considered or raised by the Committee at future meetings.

None

PHI/19-20/8/16 Chair and Clerk's Items to raise to the Committee.

None

PHI/19-20/8/17 Future Key Agenda Items.

Welcome blocks to the town – maintenance (need for chemical peel)

PHI/19-20/8/18 To agree the date and time of the next meeting: Tuesday, 15th September 2020

The meeting concluded at: 8:40pm

Planning Applications – PIH 6th August 2020

Planning Appeal:

APP/P3420/W/20/3255079

12, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop

Erection of 1 new dwelling

Deadline – 2nd September

Defer to Full Council

Other applications:

19/00804/FUL St John The Evangelist R C School, Gloucester Road

Construction of new two storey teaching block to move existing pupil provision from other site in Kidsgrove, along with associated new playground/net ball space, additional and revised car parking provision and access arrangements, new fencing and landscaping.

The Town Council recommends approval because measures have now been put in place to alleviate the problems initially raised by Highways.

20/00605/FUL 37 Chapel Lane Harseahead Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 4JN

Proposed extension above existing garage to form additional bedroom

No comment

20/00603/ADV Various Advertising signs

Site of Former Kidsgrove Working Men's Club & Institute Hardingswood Road Kidsgrove Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 1EF

No comment

20/00589/REM 200, Whitehill Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent

Reserved matters application for full detail of proposed dwelling to include siting, landscaping and appearance.

No comment

20/00566/FUL Peacock Hay, Peacock Hay Road, Talke, Stoke-on-Trent

Retention of a timber outbuilding to house new water storage tanks (replacement of previous structure)

No comment

20/00546/FUL 16, Congleton Road, Mow Cop, Staffordshire

Side elevation extension and alterations

No comment

20/00542/FUL 28, Wild Goose, Kidsgrove

Proposed single storey front and side extensions including porch canopy.

No comment

20/00540/OUT Land adjacent to Bedford Road, Victoria Avenue, Kidsgrove

Proposed 4no 2 storey 3 bed dormer town houses and 4nk 2 storey 2 bed town houses (all matters reserved)

Comments deadline – 20th August 2020

The Committee resolved to object to the application due to loss of amenity. Cllr Burnett stated that she is calling the application in.

20/00524/FUL 31, Rockside, Mow Cop

Detached dwelling in the garden area.

Comments deadline – 11th August 2020

No comment

Chair