

Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee

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Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee Meeting held on 12th July 2021, 7:30pm, Victoria Hall, Kidsgrove

The meeting started at 7:30pm.

PHI/21-22/1/1 Present

Cllr M Stubbs, Cllr Dickens, Cllr S Dymond, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr P Waring, Cllr A Cooper, Cllr Burnett.

In attendance: Sue Davies, Town Clerk

PHI/21-22/1/2 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr K Robinson. The Clerk also informed that Cllr G Burnett had given advance notice that she would be late due to a meeting at Staffordshire County Council.

PHI/21-22/1/3 To note declarations of Member's Interests

None

PHI/21-22/1/4 To receive and agree the minutes of the meetings held on the 29th March, 2021

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March 2021.

PHI/21-22/1/5 Public Participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.

None

Chair

PHI/21-22/1/6

Matters Arising (updates only)

The Clerk reported that the work on the islands at the junction of Boathorse Road and 1st Avenue is complete. Although an Environment and Allotments Committee project, it is of interest to the PIH Committee and has some overlap.

The Clerk reported that she will contact Cllr M Maxfield regarding the interpretation board that is budgeted for.

The Clerk reported that the office is trying to find a resolution to the broken noticeboard outside of the Town Hall. It was suggested that PM Training (part of the Aspire Group) might be an option for a quote.

PHI/21-22/1/7

CCTV provision: To receive an update report from the Clerk, including the proposed provision of a further monitoring site at Newchapel Recreation Ground, and to resolve to agree any recommendations or otherwise.

The Clerk reported that the SLA is with Stoke-on-Trent City Council, but they are due to end their review imminently at which point it will be passed to Staffordshire County Council's (SCC) legal department who will be acting for the Town Council.

An implementation date of 1st October is currently proposed.

Discussions with EON are continuing regarding the permissions for the lampposts.

The fixed cameras planned in the centre of Kidsgrove will require a wayleave agreement in place with a property owner to allow a received to be placed on their property and that this will need a quote to be put through the SCC legal department.

Security at Clough Hall is still a concern as access to the roof area cannot be prevented which could lead to vandalism. Stoke-on-Trent City Council have proposed to NULBC that the fence be moved to prevent this. A dedicated pole may need planning permission and would cost a further £5000.

Working with Staffordshire Police, two lamp posts have been identified at Birchenwood and one at Newchapel Recreation Ground (NRG). These would house the remote (moveable) cameras.

It was noted that the footage will be available to Staffordshire Police.

Resolved: To add Newchapel Recreation Ground to the locations set-up to be monitored via a remote camera.

PHI/21-22/1/8

Community Speed Watch - Signage: To receive an update from the Clerk on the Community Speed Watch signage.

The Clerk reported that there are two groups to be operating:

- The Newchapel Group is long-standing and will become active again now restrictions are relaxing. The Town Council has a commitment to purchase signage to assist this group once locations have been agreed by Michelle Shaker.
- The Talke and Butt Lane Group was forming prior to covid-19, led by Cllr K Robinson, and then got put on hold. Cllr D Allport has agreed to take over the lead of this group. The Clerk reminded that there is already a resolution in place to allow purchase of equipment for this group.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Cllr Jukes and Michelle Shaker from Staffordshire Safer Roads to progress the signage.

PHI/21-22/1/9

SIDS: To receive a report from the Clerk and to consider potential locations for SID provision. To resolve to agree any recommendations.

The Clerk informed that the Council needs to identify its sites and has written to the police to ask for suggestions.

A suggestion by Cllr Cooper for a SID in the region of the Ash on Mow Cop Road has been determined by Staffordshire County Council Highways not to be suitable. Cllr Cooper asked if further locations along that road could be considered.

Cllr Burnett suggested Newtown in Newchapel as an area that she receives complaints of speeding.

Cllr Dymond suggested St Martin's Road in Talke Pitts.

The purchase of a portable SID for the PCSO to use within Kidsgrove parish was discussed. It was agreed that quotes should be brought back to the next meeting. A SID that collects data was considered most beneficial.

Action: The Clerk to await the suggested sites from the police and then arrange to meet with R Steele of Staffordshire County Highways to find out about the feasibility of the sites.

Cllr Burnett entered the meeting at this point.

PHI/21-22/1/10

Neighbourhood Plan: To receive the notes of the last meeting, to review the draft questionnaire progress as recommended by the Neighbourhood Plan Group and to agree the date of the next meeting.

The Clerk agreed to format the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire into a format ready for printing. Cllr Dymond noted a mistake in section 4.4 relating to be modified.

The eligibility for the extra funding still needs establishing.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be required around the time that the consultation is issued.

Actions: The Clerk to progress the questionnaire ready for printing. Cllr Stubbs to pursue a population figure.

PHI/21-22/1/11

Planning Matters

a) To consider any planning applications:

The committee considered the applications and resolved as shown in appendix 1.

b) To receive updates on existing applications

None given.

PHI/21-22/1/12

To review the committee's current year budget.

The Committee noted the current year budget to date. It was noted that the bus shelter and provision of grit bins need to be on the subsequent agenda.

PHI/21-22/1/13 Five-year plan and three-year budget – To review the committee’s plans.

The Clerk agreed to circulate the five-year plan for evaluation. Members were asked to spend some time reviewing this.

PHI/21-22/1/14 To receive any highways items or reports from members.

Cllr P Waring provided some feedback from Cllr J Waring in her role as Staffordshire County Councillor for Talke and Butt Lane including:

- Weed spraying and grass cutting are currently most complained about and there are thoughts this should be moved back to the borough councils.
- The previous week, 1424 potholes were reported to the County Council but the Kidsgrove figure isn’t known at present.
- Nuisance trees on Birch Avenue are being trimmed again.
- Work is continuing around work on some roundabouts including in Talke Pits.

Cllr G Burnett provided some feedback relating to her role as Staffordshire County Councillor for Kidsgrove, Newchapel and Mow Cop:

- Cllr Burnett has surveyed the gullies with R Steele of Staffordshire County Council Highways and several have been covered for several years.

Cllr Cooper remarked that Long Lane has been flooded several times recently and raised about the speeding and damage to cars on Mow Lane.

Cllr Dymond asked about the responsibility for weed spraying. She also reported that she has reported the roundabout at Talke and the poor visibility. She has also pursued a stretch from St Martin’s Road to Miller and Carter on the A34. Cllr Dymond questioned the frequency of grid clearing; Cllr Burnett replied that there is a rota for this.

Although not directly related to the committee, the importance a covid testing was raised by the county councillors.

PHI/21-22/1/15 Chair and Clerk’s Items to raise to the Committee.

The Clerk noted that a letter from the MP Mr Gullis which will go to Full Council and which included one point relating to CCTV provision at Newchapel Recreation Ground. It was noted that the committee has already agreed to include this.

PHI/21-22/1/16 Future Key Agenda Items.

No new items raised.

PHI/21-22/1/17 To agree the date and time of the next meeting: 14th September 2021

The meeting concluded at: 20:40

Appendix 1 – Planning Applications

Number	Address	Details	KTC Response	NULBC Decision
21/00596/TDET	Kidsgrove Ski Centre Westmorland Avenue Kidsgrove Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 4EF	1No. 25m high telecommunications lattice tower with 3no. antennas, 2no. 0.6m dishes and 2no. ground-based equipment cabinets all located within a 2.1m high green chain link fence in an 8m x 6m compound and ancillary development thereto. Additional installation of 1.5m high retaining wall. Committee date – 20/7/2021	The development should be in as sympathetic manner as possible to the surroundings.	
21/00592/TDET	Bathpool Park Land West Of Public Car Park Peacock Hay Road Stoke-On-Trent Talke ST6 4QH	1No. 25m high telecommunications lattice tower with 3no. antennas, 2no. 0.6m dishes and 2no. ground-based equipment cabinets all located within a 2.1m high green chain link fence in an 8m x 6m compound and ancillary development thereto. Additional installation of planting scheme. Committee date – 20/7/2021	The development should be in as sympathetic manner as possible to the surroundings.	
21/00620/FUL	Florence House 14A Newtown Newchapel Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 4QA	First floor rear extension. Response deadline 16 th July 2021	No comment	

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Number	Address	Details	KTC Response	NULBC Decision
21/00564/FUL	48, Everest Road, Kidsgrove, ST7 4DY	Detached garage and garden store. Response deadline – 10/7/2021	No comment	
21/00612/FUL	204 Congleton Road Butt Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 1LT	Retention of Driveway and proposed dropped Kerb. Response deadline 24/7/2021	No comment	
21/00543/FUL	20 Rowhurst Crescent Butt Lane Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 1GB	Retention of garage conversion to utility/office. Response deadline 18/7/2021	No comment	
21/00532/FUL	2 Hawthorn Gardens Kidsgrove Stoke-On- Trent Staffordshire ST7 1TD	Change of use and extension of existing garage at sub ground floor level and new porch at ground floor level. Response deadline 9/7/2021	No comment	

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Number	Address	Details	KTC Response PIH/21022/11	NULBC Decision
21/00674/LEXNOT	12 Laburnum Close Kidsgrove Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 1BB	Prior notification of a single storey rear extension measuring 4.10m in depth, 3m maximum height and 3m to the eaves.	No comment	
21/000666/FUL	12, St Andrew's Drive, Kidsgrove, ST7 4QU	Single-storey side & rear extension. Response deadline – 31/7/2021	No Comment	
21/00660/FUL	45, Stonebank Road, ST7 4HQ	Construction of one new two storey dwelling. Response deadline 30/7/2021	No comment	
21/99659/FUL	58, Kinnersley Avenue, Kidsgrove, ST7 1AP	Single storey rear extension to kitchen, dining and sitting room, convert existing gym into living area and additional single storey rear extension to create gym, garage and home office. Response deadline 30/7/2021	No Comment	
21/00649/FUL	14 Nabbswood Road Kidsgrove Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 4AW	Removal of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension. Response deadline 31/7/2021	No Comment	
21/00672/FUL	12, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop, ST7 3NA	Formation of dormer window to side extension (permitted under 19/00450/FUL) Response deadline 27 th July 2021	No comment	
21/00617/OUT	1 Jasmine Crescent Newchapel Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 4GZ	Proposed 2 storey detached 4-bedroom property inc. detached double garage. Response deadline – 20/7/2021	No comment	