

Stone Town Council – Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 3 January, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor G Neagus in the Chair and
Councillors J Davies, Mrs J Farnham, I Fordham, Mrs M Goodall, Mrs K Green,
M Green, Mrs J Hood, R Kenney, P Leason, A Osgathorpe, Mrs J Piggott and
M Williamson

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs Collier, G Collier, T Jackson, Mrs E Mowatt and M Shaw

P17/080 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier and
Mrs E Mowatt

P17/081 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor Mrs J Piggott declared a personal interest in planning application
16/25394/FUL.
Councillor Mrs J Farnham declared a personal interest in planning application
16/25368/HOU.

P17/082 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

P17/083 **Planning Applications**

RESOLVED that the following observations be made on the Applications as listed:

Application Number – 16/24673/ADV

Location – Whitecross Dental Centre, 10 High Street, Stone

Development – Amended Plan – Proposed new branding to existing dentist; 2 x
projecting signs, 1 hanging sign, 2 x frosted vinyl signs, 2 x laminated signs

Observation – No objection providing it is in keeping with the conservation area.

Application Number – 16/25332/HOU

Location – 54 Heath Gardens, Stone

Development – Conversion of existing garage to dining room and utility

Observation – No objection but this was without the benefit of neighbours'
consultation

Application Number – 16/25394/FUL

Location – Westbridge Park, Stafford Street, Stone

Development – Provision of a new permanent modular building to replace the Wells Bladen Girl Guides centre at Westbridge Park. The replacement building will be sited adjacent the existing Pumphouse building. The development includes provision of a new hardstanding, cross-over to the private access road, foundation and services. An existing skateboard park will be demolished and relocated within Westbridge Park

Observation – Members object as they feel the location is wrong and suggest the new guide facilities are located next to the existing scout facilities so both groups can benefit from the parking facilities, and the new skate park is sited where the current skate park is located. Members have concerns regarding the lack of external lighting for children going to and leaving the building. Members are waiting for a detailed plan for facilities on the whole of Westbridge Park as previously promised. As per the Stafford Borough Council document “A Leisure Strategy for Stone”, it was stated “These proposals will require the relocation of the Guide Hut and discussions have been opened with the Guide Association. As part of the proposal a new activity park with equipment suitable for older children (over 5’s) and teenagers is proposed. The design and location of this facility will be subject to consultation with local children along the lines developed for Victoria Park and Wildwood Park in Stafford but an initial location has been identified to the south of the new leisure centre where a natural surveillance can be provided from the new building.” The term "location has been identified to the south of the new leisure centre where a natural surveillance can be provided from the new building" is paramount to the success of the promised teenage facilities. It would be a distant recreational location that could not be policed leading to those that wanted to use the facilities being excluded by others from using them.

Application Number – 16/25368/HOU

Location – 1 Brookfield Court, Stone

Development – Proposed ground floor extension

Observation – No objections but this was without the benefit of neighbours’ consultation

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To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.

None

Town Mayor