

# Stone Town Council – Planning Consultative Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordon Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 4 April 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor T. Kelt in the Chair, and  
Councillors: K. Argyle, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham, M. Green, Mrs J. Hood, R. Kenney, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft, R. Townsend and S. Walley

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Mincher, Ms L. Thorley and Mrs T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, M. Hatton, J. Hickling and P. Leason

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**PC23/067**     **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Best and P. Leason

**PC23/068**     **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor Mrs Hood confirmed that, as a member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, she would not speak or vote on the planning applications listed on the agenda.

Councillor Kenney declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 23/37141/COU.

Councillor Kenney declared a personal interest in planning application 23/37106/FUL.

Councillor Mrs Hood declared a personal interest in planning application 23/37106/FUL.

**PC23/069**     **Representations from Members of the Public**

Due to this meeting taking place in the pre-election period for Town Council elections, the Town Council's Scheme of Public Participation had been suspended.

**PC23/070**     **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 (Minute Numbers PC23/061 – PC23/066), be approved as a correct record.

**Planning Applications**

**Application Number** – 23/37141/COU

**Applicant** – Mr G. Underhill

**Location** – Unit 1, Whitebridge Park, Whitebridge Way, Stone

**Development** – Change of use of existing rear first floor office space for general administrative functions (Use Class E(g)) to recreational use soft play, children's parties, children's sports and fitness (Use Class E(d))

**Observations:** No objections are raised but the Town Council request that the car parking arrangements are reviewed in relation to public safety.

Councillor Kenney left the room while the Committee considered planning application 23/37091/FUL.

**Application Number** – 23/37091/FUL

**Applicant** – H&H Holman Properties Ltd

**Location** – Unit 2 Stone Business Park, Diamond Way, Stone

**Development** – The unit is currently let to an occupier as office space, who had now elected to have less space. Therefore, the works involved in the proposal aim to split the current unit and provide 2 reduced size units.

**Observations:** No objections

Councillor Kenney returned to the meeting when consideration of the planning application had concluded.

**Application Number** – 20/32644/FUL (amended plans)

**Applicant** – Screwfix Direct Limited

**Location** – Units 5–7 Diamond Way, Business Park, Diamond Way, Stone

**Development** – Variation of Condition 7 of planning application reference 21/33758/FUL to allow extended opening times pursuant to units 5 to 7

**Observations:** The Town Council wishes to repeat its observations made in response to an earlier consultation on this planning application (letter dated 23 July 2020), and on planning application 16/23975/FUL (letter dated 7 September 2016).

Members object due to the inappropriate development in close proximity to a residential area and concerns regarding noise and vibration.

**Application Number** – 23/37106/FUL

**Applicant** – Mr L. Capernaros (Crown Wharf Theatre)

**Location** – Crown Wharf Theatre, Crown Street, Stone

**Development** – Installation of heating and ventilation system including external ducting and verification of internal seating arrangement.

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 23/37231/POR

**Applicant** – Mr M. Jamshidi (Jams Properties Limited)

**Location** – First Floor 42 – 44 High Street, Stone

**Development** – Change of use from Use Class E to Use Class C3 i.e. 1no 1 bedroom apartment. The apartment is to be accessed from the existing front door which is located on the High Street. Existing signage is to be removed i.e. the horizontal signage below the 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows and the signage surrounding the entrance door. The front door and windows are to be retained under this application. If necessary, thermal upgrades to window are to be made by installing new windows behind the existing in order to retain the existing aesthetic. Any further changes to the front door and/or windows are to be made under a separate application. Internal alterations include the reorganisation of the plan arrangements and any other upgrades as deemed necessary by Building Control e.g. thermal, fire or sound upgrades etc.

**Observations:** The Town Council does not wish to see refuse bins (wheelie or other) permanently located in the High Street and there is no access providing bin storage at the rear. The Town Council therefore objects to the change of use on the grounds that the property is in the conservation area and there is no provision for bin storage in the planning application.

**Application Number** – 21/35277/FUL

**Applicant** – K. Hand

**Location** – 6 Radford Street, Stone

**Development** – Front elevation alterations to include new storefront at ground floor

**Observations:** Application not yet received from the Borough Council.

**PC23/072**

**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

**CHAIRMAN**