

# Stone Town Council – Planning Consultative Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 1 August 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor T. Kelt in the Chair, and  
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, K. Dawson, B. Kenney, R. Kenney,  
P. Leason, J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, I. Fordham, J. Hood, A. Mottershead and  
R. Townsend

**PC24/019**     **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, I. Fordham, J. Hood,  
A. Mottershead and R. Townsend

**PC24/020**     **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor R. Kenney advised the Committee that as a member of Stafford  
Borough Council's Planning Committee, he would not speak or vote on the  
planning applications listed on the agenda.

Councillor Leason declared a personal interest in planning application  
23/37722/HOU (40 The Fillybrooks).

**PC24/021**     **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**PC24/022**     **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 July  
2023 (Minute Numbers PC24/013 – PC24/018), be approved as a correct record.

**PC24/023**     **Planning Applications**

**Application Number** – 23/37722/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr C. Melia

**Location** – 40 The Fillybrooks, Stone

**Development** – Two storey side extension

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 23/37809/POTH

**Applicant** – Mrs R. Domb

**Location** – 2 Granville Square, Stone

**Development** – Prior approval – Change of use from commercial premises to 5 no. apartment dwellings

**Observations:** The Town Council raises objections to this development proposal for reasons of waste management and health and safety.

The planning application does not provide details on bin storage and refuse collection or make provision for fire safety given that the two access points to and from the property are very narrow.

**Application Number** – 23/37739/ADV

**Applicant** – Mr Mark Lawrence (Staffordshire County Council)

**Location** – Outside Bod Café Bar at 40 High Street, Stone

**Development** – Digital advertisements displayed on a 300 second loop interchanging with passenger transport information.

**Observations:** The Town Council raises objections to the installation of a digital street information display in Stone High Street for the following reasons:

- The display would be inappropriate in the conservation area and out of keeping with the special architectural and historic interest of the town.
- The proposed High Street location is some distance away from any bus stops or roads with vehicular access, so would be unlikely to achieve its objective of informing passengers. Any such display should be located near to a bus stop or road where the information would be immediately available to passengers who are looking or waiting to travel.
- To add street furniture to that already in the town will present difficulties for people with disabilities, particularly wheelchair users and those with vision impairment.
- The display would be a target for vandalism.

**Application Number** – 23/37417/COU

**Applicant** – Dr A. Jilka

**Location** – 11 Abbey Street, Stone

**Development** – Conversion of existing warehouse facilities comprising warehouse facilities to ground floor. Dental Surgeries to the first and second floor with access from no 9 Abbey Street.

**Observations:** The Town Council objects to this planning application as the proposal to render the building is at odds with the character of the building, adjoining property, and the street scene. All materials used in the development should be appropriate and in keeping with the architectural and historic value of the property and the conservation area.

**Application Number** – 23/37740/ADV

**Applicant** – Mr Mark Lawrence (Staffordshire County Council)

**Location** – 60 High Street, Stone

**Development** – Digital advertisements displayed on a 300 second loop interchanging with passenger transport information. No more than 15 adverts displayed for 10 seconds at a time.

**Observations:** The Town Council raises objections to the installation of a digital street information display in Stone High Street for the following reasons:

- The display would be inappropriate in the conservation area and out of keeping with the special architectural and historic interest of the town.
- The proposed High Street location is some distance away from any bus stops or roads with vehicular access, so would be unlikely to achieve its objective of informing passengers. Any such display should be located near to a bus stop or road where the information would be immediately available to passengers who are looking or waiting to travel.
- The display would have a negative impact on the town's market. It would occupy a position in the High Street that is used by the Town Council's market stallholders on market days.
- To add street furniture to that already in the town will present difficulties for people with disabilities, particularly wheelchair users and those with vision impairment.
- The display would be a target for vandalism.

**PC24/024**

**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**