SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Consultation Committee held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 30th August 2022 in Sandbach Town Hall.

PRESENT Councillors R Hovey (Chair)

G Merry D Poole M Muldoon S Broad

Also in attendance was 1 Member of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs S Crane and G Price Jones

No apologies received: Cllr P Eaton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

The Meeting Chair adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

Chair of Sandbach Footpath Group

The lead member of the Sandbach Footpath group made a short presentation on the issues regarding the unfinished 500m long footpath to have been built out of the budget for the 5 new houses on Oak Farm estate. Condition 5 of the decision notice for the application stated that "the footpath shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of any of the hereby approached dwellings". Clearly this hasn't happened. It appears that the developed was liquidated after building and selling all the 5 houses but did not complete the footpath.

It was noted that the footpath is extremely important as it would provide access to St. John's Church, to stile-free, green and open spaces, giving benefits in terms of lifestyle, health and exercise, for local people. Without the Pavement, people would be walking in the road along Church Lane, which can be a rat-run sometimes. This has obvious Road safety implications and possible tragic consequences.

Sandbach Town Council were asked to make representations to CEC to get this matter resolved.

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CIIr David Poole

Cllr Poole read a statement on behalf of a member of the public who could not attend the meeting regarding installing a crossing for pedestrians to cross The Hill safely. Extra houses built in the immediate area are now all contributing to much more traffic and it was questioned why CEC cannot allocate S106 funds to improvements for the road.

As there were no more questions, the Meeting Chair reopened the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2022, 18 JULY 2022 AND 8 AUGUST 2022

Resolved: That all 3 sets of minutes be approved as true records of the meetings.

4. OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submitted WE 12.08.22 response to Cheshire East by 31.08.22

22/3151C 16 Gawsworth Drive, Sandbach, CW11 1DY

Demolition of Existing garage and proposed single storey front, side & rear extensions with loft conversion.

Resolved: No objection. Members request that the Planning Officer looks at the parking for the property given the increase in bedrooms. Furthermore, Members ask the Officer to ensure that there will be no access onto the flat roof where overlooking could occur into Neighbours Gardens.

Members note the loss of another single storey dwelling close to the Town Centre and it's amenities.

22/3225C 5 Linden Court, Sandbach, CW11 3RU

Proposed alterations and extensions.

Resolved: No objection. Members ask if the Planning Officer can consider the impact on the street scene as the style of the flat roof is not in keeping with the surrounding properties. Members request if a pitched roof can be considered.

22/3259D Dingle Farm, Dingle Lane, Sandbach, CW11 1FY

Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5,10,11,12,13,15,17,18, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 on 21/3180C.

Resolved: No objection.

Submitted WE 19.08.22 response to Cheshire East by 15.08.22

22/3270C 98 Park Lane, Sandbach, CW11 1EP

Proposed single-storey extension.

Resolved: No objection. Members ask if the Planning Officer can ensure that access to the rear garden is retained for wheely bin storage.

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Submitted WE 26.08.22 response to Cheshire East by 16.09.22

22/3232C 481 Crewe Road, Sandbach, CW11 3RT

Change of use to ground floor & basement from Retail E(a) to Dwellinghouse C3(a). The proposals are to convert the ground floor & basement to a 1 bedroomed duplex flat.

Resolved: Members **OBJECT** to this application. Members are concerned about potential flooding to the ground floor and are very concerned about the lack of natural light. Members have no objection to accommodation on the other floors.

22/3369C 8 Milton Way, Sandbach, CW11 3GJ

18 meters of hedge removed, install fence (1.8m high) to replace the hedge.

Resolved: Members have no objection to the proposals providing that the line of the new fence respects the existing service strip and that the space between the road and the new fence line is the same as the existing.

5. CONSULTATIONS

None received.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Cheshire East Council

Email received 16 August in reply to letters sent regarding Patrons Drive and Abbeyfields.

The correspondence was received.

6.2 Cheshire East Council

Email received 22 August concerning public participation at the Southern Planning Committee on 31 August for 21/6399C -128 Congleton Road.

The correspondence was received.

7. PUBLIC FOOTPATH - CHURCH LANE, SANDBACH

Lead: Meeting Chair

Members agreed with points made by the Chair of the Sandbach Footpath Group during public speaking. And questioned how Cheshire East Council have allowed this to happen and why the planning condition has not been enforced.

Resolved: That the meeting Clerk write to CEC Planning enforcement and Highways to query the progress of this footpath and to ask that it is seen through.

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8. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Committee meeting will take place on Monday, 19 September 2022 at 7pm in Sandbach Town Hall.

Meeting closed 19.59 Cllr R Hovey MW

Chair Signature:

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