

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** South Staffordshire Council held in the Council Chamber Community Hub, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 at 18:30

**Present:-**

Councillor Jeff Ashley, Councillor Gary Burnett, Councillor Val Chapman, Councillor Bob Cope, Councillor Philip Davis, Councillor Robert Duncan, Councillor Rita Heseltine, Councillor Diane Holmes, Councillor Victor Kelly, Councillor Kath Perry, Councillor Robert Reade, Councillor Gregory Spruce, Councillor Christopher Steel

**21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 October 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**22 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors H Adams, M Evans, W Sutton, B Bond, S Harper-Wallis.

**23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Reade declared an interest in application 23/00145/FUL and took no part in the debate or decision.

**24 DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee received the report of the Development Management Manager, together with information and details received after the agenda was prepared.

**23/00093/OUT – LOADES LTD, LOADES BUSINESS PARK, GORSEY LANE, GREAT WYRLEY, WS6 6BD – APPLICANT – MR ROB LOADES - PARISH – GREAT WYRLEY**

Cllr Reade and Cllr Perry commended the development on a brown field site.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Officers report and:

1. Subject to the owners first entering into a Section 106 Agreement/Unilateral Undertaking under the Town and Country Planning Act (as amended) to secure contributions/planning obligations towards:-

1. Contribution towards Health Care Infrastructure of £19,500.

2. Contribution towards Cannock Chase SAC mitigation measures (SAMMMs) of up to £9,894.90 plus a £100 legal administration fee; and

3. Off-site Public Open Space payment in the sum of. £29,790 to be uses for the purposes of improving public open space within the locality.

2. If the S106 is not signed/completed by the 21 February 2024 or the expiration of any further agreed extension of time, then powers be delegated to officers to refuse planning permission based on the unacceptability of the development without the required contributions as outlined in the report.

**23/00145/FUL – LAND ON SOUTH WEST SIDE OF LEVEDALE ROAD, LEVEDALE - APPLICANT – ANGLO RENEWABLES LTD - PARISH – PENKRIDGE NORTH AND ACTON TRUSSELL**

Duncan Howie, Anglo Renewables (applicant) spoke in favour of the application.

Martin Linyard spoke against the application.

The local residents group requested a named vote.

Cllr Meg Barrow, on behalf of Cllr A Adams, local member, spoke against the application.

Cllr Chapman, Cllr Ashley, Cllr Perry and Cllr Steel were concerned about the safety of local residents and the potential danger of lithium batteries.

Cllr Spruce and Cllr Kelly spoke about the importance of generating renewable energy.

Cllr Duncan was concerned about the amenity impact of the proposed battery storage facility on local residents and the loss of agricultural land.

Cllr Duncan proposed a motion to refuse the application as it would adversely affect the character of the landscape (EQ4).

Cllr Chapman seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **REFUSED**.

For refusal: Councillors Duncan, Chapman, Ashley, Hestletine, Holmes, Perry and Steel.

For approval: Councillors Spruce, Kelly, Burnett and Davies.

**23/00833/FULHH – 68 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CODSALL WV8 1PE – APPLICANT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL – PARISH - CODSALL**

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to conditions set out in the Planning Officers report.

**23/00834/FULHH – 70 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CODSALL, WV8 1PE -**

**APPLICANT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL – PARISH – CODSALL**

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to conditions set out in the Planning Officers report.

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**MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee received the report of the Lead Planning Manager informing the committee on key matters including training; changes that impact on National Policy; any recent appeal decisions; relevant planning enforcement cases (quarterly); and latest data produced by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee note the update report.

The Meeting ended at: 19:55

**CHAIRMAN**