

# **CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**of the**

**Planning Meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber,  
Station Road, Codsall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008 at 7.30pm.**

### **PRESENT**

**Councillors** Mrs P Campbell (Chair)  
Mrs M Barrow  
R Etheridge  
M Ewart  
Mrs E Forster  
P Kenyon  
Mrs C Millar  
G Owen  
D Walls  
Mrs S Oatley (arrived at 8 p.m.)

### **1. APOLOGIES**

**Apologies** were received from Cllrs Marshall, Stovin and Holland.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Cllr John Michell** declared an interest in application **07/00008/OUT** as being the applicant and therefore did not attend the meeting this evening.

**07/00008/OUT** – Cllr Campbell is a colleague and a friend of the applicant.

### **3. MINUTES**

**The Minutes** of the Planning Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008, were received and unanimously approved.

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **07/01393/FUL - Bramber, Histons Hill, Codsall**

The above application was received by the Council at the last Planning Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> January and the Council recommended refusal. Subsequently the Parish Office has since received 13 letters of objection, with a real concern felt by the residents that the plans provided on South Staffordshire's website are extremely misleading and did not reflect the full scale of the proposed development.

The Chair Cllr Pat Campbell informed the meeting that she would speak with Councillors Michell, Marshall and Evans and investigate the matter further.

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

None

#### 5. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following Planning Decisions from South Staffordshire Council were received and noted.

07/01266/FUL	New parking area Land adjacent 31 Wilkes Rd, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
07/01185/FUL	Ground floor side and rear extension 32 Moatbrook Lane, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
07/01233/FUL	Two storey and single storey front ext. wall & entrance gates Rowanshiel, Hists Hill, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
07/01282/FUL	First floor infill balcony and rebuild of ground floor bay Keepers Cottage, Keepers Lane, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
07/01277/FUL	Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of 3 40 Wolverhampton Rd, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
07/01194/FUL	Steel container Land at Wood Road, Codsall Wood	<b>Approved</b>
07/01267/FUL	Single storey extension 80 Wood Road, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
07/01276/LUE	Conservatory 16 The Paddock, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
07/01280/FUL	Conservatory Oaklea Wergs Hall Road, Codsall	<b>Refused</b>

#### APPEAL DECISIONS

07/00194/FUL	Revisions to roof details to existing approved siting room 20 Primrose Gardens, Codsall	<b>Refused</b>
06/01414/FUL	Detached garage 2 Oaktree Rise, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>

#### 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that the following recommendations be made to South Staffordshire Council:

07/00008/OUT	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4no detached dwellings with access modifications
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Charlesfield, Oaken Lane, Oaken

**Before leaving the Chamber Cllr Pat Campbell proposed Cllr Forster should act as Chair during the discussion, the meeting unanimously approved this.**

After a lengthy discussion acceptance was proposed by Cllr Walls, a vote was taken for **acceptance**:

<b>Approval</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>0</b>

**As the vote was split and the Acting Chair did not wish to use her casting vote, no recommendation will be put forward by the Parish Council to South Staffordshire Council.**

Cllr Campbell rejoined the meeting as Chair.

**08/00006/CCD** Provision of maxim four pencil system canopy  
Birches First School, Birches Avenue, Codsall  
**Approval**

**07/00032/FUL** 4 Stables and storeroom  
Land South East of Hushpins Farm,  
Hushpins Lane, Codsall Wood

Following discussion Cllr Walls proposed refusal, seconded by Cllr Etheridge a vote was taken for **refusal**

<b>Approval for refusal</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>1</b>

The following reasons were given:

**Inappropriate development in Green Belt**

**08/00021/FUL** Loft conversion  
Upper Park Farm, Whitehouse Lane, Codsall Wood  
**Approved**

**7. Presentation by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service on the ‘Community Fire Safety Plan’.**

Steve Pope, Area Commander on behalf of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Rescue Authority, gave the presentation. The objective of the presentation was to outline the 5 Service Improvement proposals for 2008-2011 and to identify the benefits of those proposals.

The 5 main proposals were outlined as follows:

1. Improved prevention & protection access to services for our communities.

Steve Pope went on to explain that a trial was carried out where 8 fire fighters were taken away from the pumps and placed to go into schools and homes to

educate and carry out risk assessment, this had an impact of reducing death and injury by 70%.

The proposal for 2008 -2011 is to reduce the response team from 362 fire fighters to 336 and increase the reduction team from 8 to 34.

2. Improved liaison and access to services for business.
3. Better quality risk based response arrangements.

In dealing with 'nuisance small fires', Target Response Vehicles (TRV's), will be deployed instead of the large appliances. The large appliances require 20 people to man it where the TRV's require 8.

4. Improved communications resilience.

In April 2010, the 1<sup>st</sup> of 9 Regional Control Centres will be opened and will be based in Wolverhampton.

5. Commitment to sustainable development.

7 new fire stations are to be built around the Staffordshire area, and these will replace existing fire stations not fit for service.

Steve Pope then went on to explain what these proposals would mean for South Staffordshire:

- The refurbishment of our existing five 'Community Fire Stations' starting with Wombourne.
- Fifteen Firefighters per station on the Retained Salaried Scheme.
- Increased Community Protection activities for schools, homes, business, industry, the Elderly and the Youth.

South Staffordshire is the first in the County to partner Social Care Services, and Wombourne and Codsall are running the Duke of Edinburgh Gold awards.

Steve Pope then answered numerous questions raised by Councillors.

The Chair thanked Mr Pope for a very informative presentation and the meeting gave a generous applause.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30pm.**