

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, 28 March 2023 at 18:30

**Present:-**

Councillor Len Bates, Councillor Barry Bond, Councillor Jo Chapman, Councillor Bob Cope, Councillor Brian Cox, Councillor Philip Davis, Councillor Rita Heseltine, Councillor Diane Holmes, Councillor Kath Perry, Councillor Robert Reade, Councillor Ian Sadler, Councillor Christopher Steel, Councillor Wendy Sutton

39      **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 January 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

40      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors M Boyle, M Evans and M Lawrence.

41      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D. Holmes declared an interest in application 22/00494/FUL and after speaking on the application, left the chamber for consideration of this item.

42      **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.

22/00494/FUL – 5 SANDY LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9ET - APPLICANT – MR WARREN HAYNES – PARISH – BREWOOD AND COVEN

Warren Haynes (Applicant) spoke in support of the application.

Dr Richard Taylor (Parish Council, Brewood Civic Society) spoke against the application. Councillor D Holmes (Ward Member) spoke against the application and then left the chamber for consideration of this application.

Councillor L Bates proposed a motion to refuse the application which he believed had an adverse impact on the character of the local landscape and the Brewood heritage asset and did not accord with NPPF section 12 or paragraph EQ4 and EQ3.

Councillor C Steel seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** that the application be refused.

22/01193/VAR – FIELD AT (PENN 1) PENSTONE LANE, LOWER PENN –

APPLICANT – MR JAMES STONE – ANGLO RENEWABLES - PARISH – LOWER PENN

Duncan Howie (Agent) - spoke in support of the application. Nigel Cox (Parish Councillor, Lower Penn) spoke against the application. Councillor Kinsey (Ward Member) spoke against the application.

Councillor C Steel proposed a motion to defer the application for variation pending submission of an up to date fire systems safety design and battery safety management plan.

Councillor I Sadler seconded the motion.

Councillor L Bates abstained from voting.

Councillor R Reade proposed a motion to refuse the variation as he believed significant harm would be caused to the Green Belt by the proposed increase in battery storage capacity.

Councillor B Bond seconded the motion. The motion was lost.

Councillors L Bates, J Chapman, D Holmes, I Sadler, C Steel and W Sutton abstained from voting.

**RESOLVED:** that the application be approved subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Officer's report.

Councillors L Bates, J Chapman, D Holmes, I Sadler, C Steel and W Sutton abstained from voting.

22/01193/VAR – FIELD AT (PENN 2) PENSTONE LANE, LOWER PENN – APPLICANT – MR JAMES STONE – ANGLO RENEWABLES - PARISH – LOWER PENN

**RESOLVED:** that the application be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Officer's report.

Councillors L Bates, J Chapman, D Holmes, I Sadler, C Steel and W Sutton abstained from voting.

**43 PLANNING PERFORMANCE 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.

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The Meeting ended at: 20:45

**CHAIRMAN**