

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, 30 January 2024 at 18:30

**Present:-**

Councillor Helen Adams, Councillor Jeff Ashley, Councillor Gary Burnett, Councillor Bob Cope, Councillor Philip Davis, Councillor Robert Duncan, Councillor Mark Evans, Councillor Rita Heseltine, Councillor Diane Holmes, Councillor Kath Perry, Councillor Robert Reade, Councillor Gregory Spruce, Councillor Christopher Steel, Councillor Wendy Sutton

26      **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

27      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Bond and Councillor Chapman.

28      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Adams declared that although her husband Councillor Adams was speaking against application 23/00009/23, she would listen to the debate and reach her own conclusion.

29      **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.

**23/00009/FUL – LAND AROUND PRESTON HILL FARM, PRESTON VALE, PENKRIDGE, ST19 5RA - APPLICANT – AURA POWER DEVELOPMENT LTD - PARISH – PENKRIDGE**

Katie McCreath KMC Legal spoke against the application.

Councillor A Adams, Ward Member spoke against the application

Peter Thomas, Aura Power (agent) spoke for the application.

The Local Residents Group requested a named vote.

Councillor Harper-Wallis welcomed the biodiversity gains associated with this application.

Councillors Reade believed the case for farm diversification to ensure a sustainable future for the farming family should be supported.

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

For approval: Councillors Evans, Ashley, Burnett, Reade, Davies, Heseltine, Steele and Spruce.

For refusal: Councillors Perry, Adams, Holmes, Sutton and Duncan.

Abstention: Councillor Cope

Councillors Harper-Wallis and Kelly arrived late to the meeting and were unable to vote.

**23/00978/FUL – LITTLE ROUND HILL, TINKERS CASTLE ROAD, SEISDON, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV5 7HF - APPLICANT – MR JASON MILNER - PARISH – TRYSELL AND SEISDON**

Councillor Reade, local member, supported the application.

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

**23/18001/TPO - NEW TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – PARISH – WOMBOURNE SOUTH**

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee support the confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 23/18001/TPO with the modifications 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: 20:10

**CHAIRMAN**