



**Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 a.m.**

**Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP**

**Present:**

Cllr A Pearson (Chair)  
Cllr R Turville  
Cllr A Turville  
Cllr S Jagger  
Cllr A Walker – arrived 1010am  
Cllr S Cartwright

1. **Apologies**

None

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Minutes**

To review and approve the minutes from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Propose: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Turville

Cllr S Jagger and Cllr A Walker did not vote due to not being present at the previous meeting

4. **Council Protocol**

Chief Officer reminded all present that following complaints regarding aspects of behaviour that Council protocol for behaviour needs to be followed by all present at all times and reminded of the Oct 2021 Local Government Initiative – Debate Not Hate Campaign that Hednesford Town Council is signed up to.

Standing Orders also clearly state that all members are permitted to speak on an issue being debated.

**5. Public Participation**

None

**6. Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Cllr S Jagger raised concerns of potential conflicts of interest on the Planning Committee. Cllr S Jagger informed that she had been contacted by members of the public to enquire how they can raise a complaint about a Cllr. At last months meeting all members declared interests but then went on to discuss the issues. Cllr S Jagger is concerned that the public feel that this is not appropriate regarding the planning committee members.

Cllr A Pearson stated that the town council are not the decision makers in the planning process and a discussion took place about how some may feel that having district Cllrs who sit on planning at CCDC also as Cllrs for Hednesford Town Council and who again sit on the planning committee as an asset.

Cllr A Pearson informed that only himself and Cllr S Cartwright also sit on district planning and as long as they declare an interest and not vote upon a decision at Hednesford Town Council then no breach or conflict of interests will have taken place.

It was clarified that as Cllr A Pearson and Cllr S Cartwright cannot vote on planning matters that it potentially impacts the committee being quorate when votes are taken with a minimum of 3 Cllrs needed to be quorate.

It was confirmed that any complaints can go via the CCDC Standards Committee or via the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr S Jagger queried the planning application for Dunford Wood Yard and how much had district Cllrs looked into this. Cllr A Pearson advised that he attended site as a district Cllr but did not look around the back due to access restrictions. CCDC also visited the site and the decision was made to go with Officer recommendation.

Cllr S Jagger enquired if Cllr A Pearson called this in as a town or district Cllr. Cllr A Pearson informed that this was in his district capacity and informed that town councils can only request and not call in.

Cllr S Jagger further informed that the planning application informs that Hednesford Town Council submitted comments regarding the application for Dunford Wood Yard but that this was not the case. Hednesford Town Council did not receive the opportunity to comment and that comments were made on behalf of Brindley Heath Town Council where Cllr A Pearson is also a town Cllr. Cllr S Jagger stated that there had been a serious error at district level and that the CCDC Officer who processed the planning application for Dunford Wood Yard had apologised for this.

7. **Vacant Position**

Chief Officer informed that a formal vote to elect Cllr S Cartwright onto the Planning Committee had not been formally followed and that this process needed to take place

Proposed: Cllr R Turville

Second: Cllr A Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Turville, Cllr A Walker

Against: Cllr S Jagger

8. **Local Planning Applications**

CH/23/0383 – Cllr R Turville visited site and provided an overview. No objections. No adverse comments,

CH/23/0391 – application had come in after agenda had been issued – no objections. No adverse comments

Chief Officer reminded Cllrs of how to check the planning applications prior to attending the meeting

9. **Development of Local Action Plan**

Chief Officer outlined the need for the Local Action Plan and of the 4 proposed priorities and sought agreed from committee so that the motion could be taken to full council in December. Chief Officer thanked Cllr A Walker and Cllr S Jagger for their help and support in further the action plan.

Proposed: Cllr S Jagger

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr S Jagger, Cllr A Walker, Cllr A Turville, Cllr S Cartwright

11:05am Cllr A Walker left the meeting

10. **Motion to appoint Chief Officer to Local Action Plan Working Group**

Cllr S Jagger informed that the Local Action Plan is the basis for the Chief Officers role

Proposed: Cllr A Turville

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr S Jagger, Cllr A Turville, Cllr S Cartwright

**8. Date of Next Planning Committee Meeting**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 10.00 a.m. at Pye Green Community Centre

The meeting closed at 11.15am

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