## **Stone Town Council – Planning Committee**

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 7 February, 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Neagus in the Chair and

Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier, J Davies, Mrs J Farnham, I Fordham, Mrs K Green, M Green, Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, R Kenney, Mrs E Mowatt, A Osgathorpe,

Mrs J Piggott and M Williamson

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs M Goodall, P Leason and M Shaw

P17/090 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M Goodall, P Leason and M Shaw

P17/091 <u>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations</u>

None

P17/092 Representations from Members of the Public

None received

P17/093 Planning Applications

**RESOLVED** that the following observations be made on the Applications as listed:

**Application Number –** 15/23264/FUL

**Location** – Land between boat yard and Chandlers Way, Newcastle Road, Stone **Development** – Amended Plan – Construction of four houses

**Observation** – Members wish to reiterate their previous comments (below) and added that there are grave concerns regarding safety.

Members strongly object on safety grounds due to the dangerous junction with Newcastle Road. Members also object as the land is in the Conservation Area identified as HUCA 6: "Trent and Mersey Canal" in the Stone Historic Character Assessment (May 2012) and defined as "Market garden and allotment" in its Historic Character Type. As such, the application should empathise with NPPF 2012 ref: Bullet Point 10 of para. 17, Bullet Point 4 of para. 58, para. 131 and para. 132. This application does little to enhance its original historic settings; a point noted by Mr. A Taylor, SBC Conservation Advisor.

The land remains adjacent to allotments and thus forms a green corridor for wildlife and acts as a buffer between the conservation area of the canal and the Chandlers Way development

This site is identified and known as "Newcastle Road" forms one of many recently identified and recorded green spaces in the parish of Stone and the evidence gathered forms part of the draft Stone Neighbourhood Plan evidence base which is used to shape and inform the policies. This planning application provides a wider opportunity to enhance an existing space resulting in improved

natural environment for the neighbourhood amenity. We would welcome the opportunity to enhance this open green space with further planting and formal landscaping to provide a natural screen and buffer for the neighbouring development in the conservation area.

Application Number – 17/25610/HOU Location – 16 Kent Grove, Stone Development – Replacement of external walls Observation – No objections

Application Number - 16/25347/COU

Location – 42A Radford Street, Stone

**Development** – Change of use from A1 to A3 (beauty and hair salon, with retail incorporating a coffee bar with take-away service)

**Observation** – Stone Town Council do not have any comments regarding this application

## P17/094 Withdrawn Planning Application

To note the following application which has been withdrawn at the request of the applicant/agent:

Application Number – 16/25079/FUL

Location – Land at rear 55 High Street, Stone

Development – Erection of two new garage blocks consisting of 5 garages

## P17/095

To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.

None

**Town Mayor**