

Stone Town Council – Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 21 May 2019

PRESENT: Councillor J. Davies in the Chair, and
Councillors: T. Adamson, K. Argyle, A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs L. Davies,
M. Hatton, Mrs J. Hood, T. Kelt, R. Kenney, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and
R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham, M. Green, J. Hickling and P. Leason

P20/001 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham,
M. Green, J. Hickling and P. Leason

P20/002 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None

P20/003 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

P20/004 **Note from Stafford Borough Council related to Parish Council comments on
planning applications**

The paper from Stafford Borough Council was noted.

P20/005 **Planning Applications**

Application Number – 19/30456/HOU

Applicant – Mr & Mrs Macklin

Location – 15 Northesk Street, Stone

Development – Variation of condition 1, 2 and 3 on 18/28299/HOU

Observations: The Town Council wishes to repeat the representations made in
its letter dated 1 May 2018, in response to planning application 18/28299/HOU.

The Town Council objects to the retention of UPVC windows in the conservation
area. It understands that the Local Planning Authority may wish to take medical
guidance.

Application Number – 19/30440/REM

Applicant – Persimmon Homes West Midlands

Location – Walton Hill Residential Development, West of Longhope Drive, Stone

Development – Reserved matters following outline approval reference number 13/19002/OUT – appearance, landscaping, layout and scale

Observations: The Town Council wishes to add the following observations to its previous objections:

1. A Landscape and Ecology Management Plan should be supplied by the developer for each phase of the development. A Landscape and Ecology Management Report was supplied for phase one but not for phases two and three. As the land has not been farmed or grazed for approximately six years, the biodiversity will have changed and a new Landscape and Ecology Management Report should be submitted to Stafford Borough Council for review.
2. Objections are raised to the removal of 526m of mature hedgerow with replacement of new hedgerow. To maintain habitat the design should minimize hedge and tree loss and use hedge translocation. Natural shrubbery should be reused.
3. Clarification should be sought on who will be responsible for the designated wildlife site in phase 3. This area needs to be high quality grassland and wetland habitats. An organisation such as Staffordshire Wildlife Trust should be consulted on land management and asked to provide a detailed design specification.

Application Number – 18/29251/ADV (amended)

Applicant – Smart Parking Ltd

Location – Crown Hotel, 38 High Street, Stone

Development – Retention of 2 cameras affixed to the wall of car park of the hotel which are used for purpose of parking enforcement by automatic number plate recognition technology, advertisement consent in respect of signage displayed in the car park which is required for management of the parking enforcement and planning permission for the poles upon which the signs are displayed.

Amendment – Details of signage including content, size and location

Observations: After considering the amended plans the Town Council does not believe the differences result in any material change to the original development proposal.

The Town Council objects to this planning application for the following reasons:

- The Crown Hotel is a listed building.
- The quantity and size of the signage is inappropriate and intrusive within the conservation area.
- The stated purpose of the signage and ANPR cameras is to 'keep track of who is entering and exiting the car park'. The reasons for wishing to manage traffic flow was questioned and it was suggested that a different method of achieving this aim is identified.

Application Number – 19/29885/LBC (amended)

Applicant – Smart Parking Ltd

Location – Crown Hotel, 38 High Street, Stone

Development – Retention of signage throughout the site and ANPR cameras in order to keep track of who is entering and exiting the car park. We propose to affix two small ANPR cameras to the wall of the Crown Hotel in order to manage the car park. Furthermore, to affix a number of the signs relating to the car park to the wall of the hotel (sign numbers on site plan: 7, 8, 8a and 9)

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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