



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council
Planning and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10th
October 2017 at 6:45pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road,
Handforth.

Present: Cllr Samson
Cllr Smith
Cllr Sullivan (Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee)

Three members of the public.
Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson Parish Clerk.

17/27/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Burgess.

17/27/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

None.

17/27/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

A resident (and chair of the neighbourhood plan group) asked permission for the following statement to be submitted to CE Planning on behalf of the Handforth Neighbourhood plan steering group concerning item 17/27/8 on the agenda:

“ This application on behalf of Marks and Spencer proposes the construction of a staff car park on the piece of employment land lying immediately to the north of

Lower Meadow Road. To the west this parcel of land is bounded by a belt of woodland. This woodland forms part of Handforth's green corridor (site 8HA) as described in the CEC Open Spaces Assessment (2012).

The draft Handforth Neighbourhood Plan (which will enter Regulation 14 consultation on 16th October 2017) seeks to preserve this landscape feature. It follows that any diminution in the area of this belt of woodland or its population of trees would run contrary to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Embedded within planning application 17/4497 are documents to suggest that a future application might involve the siting of a car dealership on the equivalent piece of employment land lying immediately to the south of Lower Meadow Road. To the west this parcel of land is bounded by a belt of woodland. This woodland forms part of Handforth's green corridor (site 7HA) as described in the CEC Open Spaces Assessment (2012). The draft Handforth Neighbourhood Plan seeks to preserve this landscape feature. It follows that any diminution in the area of this belt of woodland or its population of trees would run contrary to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. It should also be noted that this more southerly piece of employment land is currently contiguous with a triangular land parcel lying to the rear of Handforth Hall and to the east of St Benedict's School. The draft Neighbourhood Plan seeks to designate this triangle of land as a Local Green Space."

17/27/4 To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of the 12th September 2017.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the minutes of the Planning and Environment committee meeting of the 12th September 2017 be approved and signed.

Motion carried: Two in favour and one abstention.

17/27/5 To consider planning application 17/4206M, Advertisement consent for a banner on the fence panels and a hoarding sign on the right side wall. The Handforth Lodge 188 Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

Councillors noted concern that the lodge already had a large number of advertising boards and banners already, there were questions whether the banner would be illuminated at night, and noted that the banner could be hazardous to road users if it distracted drivers.

The Parish Council have no objection to this application, provided that CE highways approve that the banner is not a distraction to road users, the sign is not

illuminated at night time and if possible, could the case officer inform the parish council as to what exactly is being advertised on the banner.

Resolved: Unanimously.

17/27/6 To consider planning application 17/4837M, Change of use from Class B1(C) to Use of building for D1 (education and training) and/or B1 (business), B2 (general industry), B8 (storage or distribution). Unit 10 Deanway trading estate, Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

Resolved: Unanimously.

17/27/7 To consider planning application 17/4761M, New single storey front porch. 143 Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to this application, but would like to note that this porch has already been constructed and this should be a retrospective planning application.

Resolved: Unanimously

17/27/8 To consider planning application 17/4497M, Outline application for extension to the existing Marks and Spencer unit, amendments to the car park layout and provision of a new staff parking facility. Marks and Spencer PLC, Coppice Way, Handforth.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to give Handforth Neighbourhood Plan steering group permission to submit the prepared statement as reproduced under item 17/27/3 to CE planning for application 17/4497M.

Resolved: Unanimously

The Parish Council have no objection to the application, councillors are of the opinion that this will provide, not only, more adequate and safe car parking provision for employees at the site, but will also free up extra car parking spaces for customers. Handforth Parish Council would like to request that Marks and Spencer PLC consider giving more support to the subsidy of local community bus services, either as a company or under any S106 agreement which may be drawn up as part of this development proposal.

Resolved: Unanimously

17/27/9 Notices and Correspondence

None.

The meeting closed at 7:13 pm.

Ashley Comiskey Dawson CiLCA
Clerk to Handforth Parish Council
11th October 2017