

Minutes of the Planning Committee held in the Craddock Room, Civic Centre, Stafford on Wednesday 4 June 2025

Chair - Councillor A Nixon

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

B M Cross R A James
P C Edgeller J P Read
I D Fordham A J Sandiford
A D Hobbs S N Spencer

J Hood

Also present:- Councillor J T Rose

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime - Principal Solicitor
J Holmes - Development Manager

F Whitley - Planning Enforcement Officer
J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

PC1 Minutes

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 23 April 2025, as previously circulated were approved as a correct record.

PC2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors R Kenney (substituted by Councillor I D Fordham), A R McNaughton (substituted by Councillor J P Read) and M Phillips.

PC3 Application 24/39864/PAR - Barn at New Buildings Farm, Woollaston Lane, Church Eaton, Stafford

(Recommend: approval, subject to conditions).

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding the matter.

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:

S Mason spoke in support of the application.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor J T Rose, Seighford and Church Eaton Ward Member, addressed the Committee.

Councillor R A James moved and Councillor B M Cross seconded that the proposal as set out in the report be approved.

On being put to the vote the proposal as set out in the report was carried.

RESOLVED:- that prior approval be granted, subject to the conditions listed within the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning.

PC4 Planning Appeals

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning.

Notification of the following appeals had been received:-

Notified Appeals

Application Reference	Location	Proposal
25/40179/NHPD Delegated Refusal	5 John Street, Littleworth, Stafford	Rear extension - total length beyond rear wall of the original dwelling 5.0m, maximum height 3.0m and eaves height 3.0m
24/39786/HOU Delegated Refusal	2 Hargreaves Lane, Stafford	Alterations to front porch, ground floor rear extension, small first floor extension and general refurbishment.
24/39125/FUL Delegated Refusal	Land Off A34 Opposite George and Dragon PH, Stone Road, Meaford	Creation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Hub comprising 31 charging bays equipped with solar panels and a substation (Sui Generis), picnic areas and a drive-through restaurant (Use Class E), with associated access, car and cycle parking, and landscaping

Decided Appeals

Application Reference	Location	Proposal
23/38420/FUL Appeal Dismissed	Ingestre Golf Club, Ingestre Park Road, Ingestre	Proposed maintenance building and yard for the golf course. Proposed overflow carpark, including an entrance gate and wing walls to the existing driveway. Proposed photovoltaic solar array.
24/38658/LDC Appeal Allowed	Butterbank House, Butterbank Lane, Derrington	Lawful Development Certificate Existing - Confirmation that parcel of land has been in use of residential garden for a period in excess of 10 years.
24/39261/FUL Appeal Dismissed	13 Blythe Road, Moss Pit, Stafford	Extending front garden and creating a dropped kerb. Extending rear garden with new fence.
24/38622/LDCPP Appeal Allowed Costs Refused	New Inn Bank Farm, New Inn Bank, Bishops Offley	New garage/outbuilding for domestic use. Garage to measure 10m x 6m. Siting is shown on site and block plans. Soakaways will be used for the removal of surface water. Flat roof, no more than 2.5m from external ground floor level. Side extension off the original dwelling. Extension to measure 6m x 3.1m. Proposals do not extend beyond 50% of the width of the original property. Eaves and ridge to match existing. Eaves 2.5m and ridge 3m.
23/37756/LDCPP Appeal Dismissed	Darlaston Wood Farm, Jervis Lane, Meaford	The change of use of the agricultural building in question (the barn) to a single dwelling house and for the establishment works that are necessary for the conversion of the existing barn into a dwelling.

Application Reference	Location	Proposal
24/39577/FUL Appeal Dismissed	Land adjacent Moreton House Farm, Bishton Lane, Wolseley Bridge	Change of use of land to dog walking field and associated works.

PC5 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it included the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Recording of the meeting was suspended at this point.

PC6 Enforcement Case A

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning seeking permission to issue an Enforcement Notice.

It was subsequently moved by Councillor R A James and seconded by Councillor A J Sandiford that the recommendation to issue an Enforcement Notice as set out in the report be approved.

On being put to the vote the proposal was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that

- (a) an enforcement notice for the property be issued and served and further enforcement through the courts be allowed if required;
- (b) authority to amend the requirements of the notice and timescales for compliance be delegated, should Officers consider necessary according to circumstances immediately prior to the time of service.

PC7 Enforcement Case B

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning.

It was subsequently moved by Councillor R A James and seconded by Councillor I D Fordham that the recommendation to issue an Enforcement Notice as set out in the report be approved.

On being put to the vote the proposal was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that

- (a) an enforcement notice for the property be issued and served and further enforcement through the courts be allowed if required;
- (b) authority to amend the requirements of the notice and timescales for compliance be delegated, should Officers consider necessary according to circumstances immediately prior to the time of service.

PC8 Enforcement Case C

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning.

It was subsequently moved by Councillor S N Spencer and seconded by Councillor R A James that the recommendation to issue an Enforcement Notice as set out in the report be approved.

On being put to the vote the proposal was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that

- (a) an enforcement notice for the property be issued and served and further enforcement through the courts be allowed if required;
- (b) authority to amend the requirements of the notice and timescales for compliance be delegated, should Officers consider necessary according to circumstances immediately prior to the time of service.

CHAIR