

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Wednesday 30th May 2012
Commencing at 6.00 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, Staveley Hall

Present:

Councillor J. Bacon
Councillor O. Cauldwell
Councillor D. Collins
Councillor L. Collins
Councillor B. Dyke
Councillor E. Tidd

In attendance:

Graeme Challands – Town Clerk and Financial Officer
2 Members of the Public

		ACTION
78/12	PART ONE: PUBLIC BUSINESS 1. RESOLVED – That Councillor Dyke be elected Chair of the Planning and Environmental Committee for the year 2012/2013/ 2. RESOLVED – That Councillor Cauldwell be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning and Environmental Committee for the year 2012/2013	
79/12	PUBLIC SESSION Roger Davenport submitted the following written questions.	

**Staveley Town Council
Planning and Environmental Committee
Meeting 30th. May 2012**

Question 1.

Having regard to the National Planning Policy Framework March 2012 and in particular Section 90 which states:-

Certain other forms of development are also not inappropriate in Green Belt provided they preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land in the Green Belt. These are:-

- > *mineral extraction;*
- > *engineering operations;*
- > *local transport infrastructure which can demonstrate a requirement for a Green Belt location;*
- > *The re-use of buildings provided that the buildings are of permanent and substantial construction; and*
- > *Development brought forward under a Community Right to Build Order.*

Also having regard to the existence of coal deposits throughout the Staveley Town Council area but especially to the North of and surrounding the A619 between Lowgates and the borough boundary East of Mastin Moor.

And having regard to reports of intended open-cast coal operations in the Mastin Moor/Woodthorpe area.

What is the committee's policy on open casting in the Staveley/Mastin Moor area?

Where would the committee permit such opencasting?

What approaches have been made either to or by opencast companies interested in opencasting in the A619 Staveley – Mastin Moor general area?

Question 2

Would the Planning and Environmental Committee please advise of its forthcoming meetings programme (dates and times please).

Questions are from:-

Roger Davenport

In response Members stated they had not heard officially or indeed unofficially of any proposal to revive the past proposal to opencast at Mastin Moor.

It would be likely that Staveley Town Council would oppose any such proposals if they were officially submitted.

The Town Clerk pointed out that any opencasting proposals would be made to Derbyshire County Council not Chesterfield Borough Council. Staveley Town Council would be consulted, but the decision would be made by Derbyshire County Council.

Whilst at this time it would be difficult to predict the success of any application a recent application to opencast at Shipley Country park had been successful. The planning regime meant that if Derbyshire County Council opposed opencast proposals and the applicant appealed and was successful the

	<p>public purse picked up the legal bill of both sides.</p> <p>Issues such as fuel security for the UK and the world price of coal also played a part in decisions.</p> <p>The new Section 90 seems to indicate a presumption in favour of opencasting even in the green belt.</p> <p>In the event that there was an application and that it was successful then Staveley Town Council would lobby to minimise the impact on residents and maximise the benefits.</p>	
80/12	<p>DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST There were no disclosures of Personal Prejudicial Interest.</p>	
81/129/08	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor Webley - illness</p>	
82/12	<p>COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT There were no Councillors not present.</p>	
83/12	<p>MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th APRIL 2012 The Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Committee of Staveley Town Council held on Monday 16th April 2012 were APPROVED.</p>	
84/122/08	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th APRIL 2012</p> <p>749/11 683/11 The Town Clerk reported on a successful meeting between the owner of Staveley Cycle Hire and various representatives of interested parties regarding the launch of the business.</p> <p>The Chair of Staveley Town Council had been invited to open the new business on Thursday 28th June – the day of the Flames Festival and in time for the Canal Festival.</p> <p>686/11 Lowgates Roundabout The Town Clerk reported that Staveley Hall Garden Centre will commence work on the Chevron Roundabout shortly and had been given permission to adopt the Hall Lane/Northern</p>	

	<p>Loop roundabout.</p> <p>Members welcomed this news and looked forward to the improvements. Derbyshire County Council Highways had not yet mended the Chevron roundabout.</p>	
85/12	<p>TO FIX DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Planning and Environmental Committee meet at 6.00 p.m. on the third Wednesday following the Ordinary Meetings of Staveley Town Council.</p>	
86/12	<p>DETAILS OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH BY MEMBERS</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
87/12 84/08	<p>A LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED BY CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL</p> <p>The list of planning decisions notified by Chesterfield Borough Council were available on the website www.chesterfield.gov.uk/planningapplications.</p>	
88/12	<p>JUBILEE FARM</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported he had earlier in the day received a copy of the Capita Symonds proposals for Mastin Moor. He had not had the opportunity to read it. However, he understood copies had also been sent to Councillor Dyke and Councillor D. Collins of Staveley Town Council together with the relevant Chesterfield Borough Council Councillors. He would forward copies to Planning and Environmental Members in due course.</p>	
89/12	<p>MARKHAM VALE</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
90/12	<p>STAVELEY TOWN BASIN</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported on a meeting he had earlier attended at the Hollingwood Hub. Called by the Chesterfield Canal Trust it was to progress the establishment of a Community Interest Company Lockside CIC . This would be a vehicle to progress proposed developments on the Derbyshire length of the Canal.</p> <p>Partners were invited to join the CIC. There was an urgency to this as the CIC was needed to enter into an agreement</p>	

	<p>with Chesterfield College who were to provide free labour for developments in the Staveley Town Basin. The first of these is the Bunkhouse/Training Centre. Viridor had granted £200,000 towards this and the labour provided the match funding. The grant would be lost if no agreement had been signed by Lockside CIC by September.</p> <p>It was appreciated that the Local authority partners (Derbyshire County Council, Chesterfield Borough Council, Staveley Town Council) may not be able to move that swiftly. In order to ensure the funding was not lost the way forward would be for the Canal Trust to provide some directors and John Bayliss from the IWA had agreed to serve as an individual. The Town Clerk had also offered as an individual as there is no conflict of interest – the aims of the Canal Partnership were fully supported by Staveley Town Council.</p> <p>He awaited full details from Robin Stonebridge and would present them to the Policy Finance and Publicity Committee in due course.</p> <p>Members welcomed the news of progress. The Town Clerk also spoke about the proposal to rebuild Mastin Moor Community Centre at the Town Basin and any impact of the Community Right To Buy.</p>	
91/12	<p>STAVELEY TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN Nothing to report.</p>	
92/12	<p>STAVELEY WORKS SITE The Town Clerk reported that he had earlier in the day also received the Capita Symons Regeneration Masterplan for the site. Again he had not had the opportunity to read it but a quick scan indicated that the proposals including up to 2000 houses, retail, educational, health and green infrastructure was fully in accord with Staveley Town Council's proposals. Again copies had been sent to Councillor Dyke, Councillor Williams on Staveley Town Council and to relevant Chesterfield Borough Councillors.</p> <p>He would forward copies to Planning and Environmental Members in due course.</p>	
93/12	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Town Clerk spoke to the notes distributed that he had made at the SLCC LCC Conference This included Neighbourhood Plans and the Community Infrastructure Levy. He would continue to update Members.</p>	