

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Planning Committee held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 12
April 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor P Seaman (Chair)
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor R Auluck
Councillor S Bains
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor C Miks
Councillor K Mulhall
Councillor D Skinner

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: L Albrighton, C Dowell, S Evans, C Horton, A Le Marinel, A Saleem, C Sinclair, C Whitehouse

Apologies: Councillor R Bailey and L Bigham (Cabinet Member for Community Development)

Public Business

124. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

125. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business referred to in Minutes 136 and 137 below relating to “Changes to Enforcement Process” and “Enforcement Report” on the grounds that these items involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2, 6(a) and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

126. Members Declarations of Contact on Planning Applications

The Members named declared contact on the following applications as indicated:

Application No.	Councillor	From
HH/2018/0341 – 9 Sandringham Close	Councillor Skinner	Local residents

127. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2018 were signed as a true record.

128. **Late Representations**

The Committee noted a tabled report which summarised late representations and responses on the following:

Application No.	Site	Minute No.
OUT/2017/2879	Land north of 2 Union Place	130
HH/2018/0341	9 Sandringham Close	133

129. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

130. **Application OUT/2017/2879 - Land North of 2 Union Place**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above outline application for the erection of two residential dwellings; seeking permission only for access, all other matters are reserved. The application was recommended for approval.

The Committee also considered a petition objecting to the application, bearing 44 signatures, which had been submitted by Councillor Harvard, a Longford Ward Councillor. Councillor Harvard attended the meeting together with the petition spokesperson and both spoke in respect of the petition. In addition, a registered speaker also spoke in respect of his objections to the application. The applicant's agent also attended and spoke in support of the application.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application OUT/2017/2879 subject to conditions.

131. **Application ADV/2017/2723 - Unit 1 Brade Drive**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for the installation of replacement signage comprising of 3 internally illuminated fascia's, 1 non-illuminated fascia and 1 freestanding sign. Installation of new signage comprising of 4 internally illuminated fascia's, 1 non-illuminated poster and 2 freestanding direction signs (part retrospective). The application was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED that Advertisement Consent be granted in respect of Application ADV/2017/2723 subject to conditions.

132. **Application HH/2018/0221 - 24 Portwinkle Avenue**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for erection of a porch, two-storey front and single-storey rear extension, raised roof ridge height and installation of a flat roof rear dormer. The application was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application HH/2018/0221 subject to conditions.

133. **Application HH/2018/0341 - 9 Sandringham Close**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for conversion of existing garage. The application was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application HH/2018/0341 subject to conditions.

134. **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53, Application to add a Public Footpath from Broad Lane to Fir Tree Avenue**

The Committee considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in respect of an application to have a route recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement as a public footpath.

As a result of investigations into the application, authorisation was sought to make a Definitive Map Modification Order. The report included a discussion of the consultations carried out in respect of the claim, the historical evidence, witness evidence and the legal tests for a Definitive Map Modification Order to be made. The report's recommendation was based on that information, for decision by Members as to whether an Order should be made to add the route as a public footpath.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

- (1) **Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive Place to make the necessary Definitive Map Modification Order for the following route from between 171 and 175 Broad Lane to between 151 Fir Tree Avenue and 173a Broad Lane (on Fir Tree Avenue) in the City of Coventry pursuant to Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 by adding this route as a Public Footpath, as shown between points A-B on plan ref: Ref:T&T/ALM/X0010/Cttm2018 at Appendix 1.**
- (2) **Agree that a public notice of the making of the Order be given and, in the event of there being no objections within the specified time period, or any objections received being withdrawn, the Order be confirmed in exercise of the power conferred on the Council by the said Act.**
- (3) **Agree that, should objections be received to the making of the Order that cannot be resolved, then the matter be forwarded to the Secretary of State for determination.**

135. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

There were no other items of public business.

PRIVATE BUSINESS

136. **Changes to Enforcement Process**

The Committee considered a joint report asking them to consider whether or not the existing historical convention of reporting all enforcement matters to Planning Committee before instigating formal action should continue.

RESOLVED that officers utilise their existing delegated powers as outlined within the current constitution to serve enforcement notices and other statutory notices where appropriate should negotiations fail.

137. **Enforcement Report**

The Committee considered a joint report which requested the Committee to consider whether or not the City Council as local planning authority should instigate the appropriate enforcement action in respect of the breaches of planning control as identified within Table 1 of the report.

This report was in accordance with the Constitution which required that all planning enforcement actions and prosecutions be authorised by Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that Planning Committee:

- (1) Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Regulation and the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to serve the appropriate enforcement and other statutory notices in respect of the following properties as identified within Table 1 (Notices and Prosecutions):**
 - a. 70 Gregory Avenue
 - b. 8 Friars Road
 - c. 10 Friars Road
 - d. 102 Brinklow Road
 - e. 21 Wrigsham Street
 - f. Land at Middle Ride
 - g. 2 Telfer Road
 - h. 52 Dean Street
 - i. 75 Hurst Road
 - j. Friars House, Manor House Drive
 - k. 52b Earlsdon Street
- (2) Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Regulation and the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, the formal prosecutions of the cases set out in Table 1 (Notices and Prosecutions) should negotiations fail.**
- (3) Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Regulation and the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, the formal prosecution of cases whereby enforcement and other statutory notices as identified within Table 1 (Notices and Prosecutions) have not been complied with, and the undertaking of works in default to secure compliance where appropriate.**
- (4) Note the content of Table 2 (Update of Outstanding Actions).**

138. **Thanks to Deputy Chair - Councillor K Mulhall**

On the occasion of his last meeting before his retirement as a Councillor, the Chair, on behalf of the Committee thanked the Deputy Chair, Councillor Kieran Mulhall for his many years of committed service on the Planning Committee and extended to him their very best wishes for the future.

(Meeting closed at 5.00 pm)