

## **BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015**

#### **PRESENT**

The Mayor – Councillor Swift  
The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Adams  
Councillor Baddeley  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Deane  
Councillor Harper  
Councillor Hawley: Chair  
Councillor Redfern  
Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Whilding: Vice Chair

#### **77.14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from  
Councillor Deaville  
Councillor Ellsum  
Councillor Hart

#### **78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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- b Other Interests:

#### **79. MINUTES**

It was Approved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 be signed.

#### **80. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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SMD/2015/0084	Daisy Bank Overton Road	Retrospective planning permission for erection of a storage shed and car port
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#### **RECOMMEND REFUSAL – WOULD AFFECT OPENNESS OF THE GREEN BELT – 1 AGAINST REFUSAL**

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SMD/2015/0128	8 Farmside Lane	Single storey side and rear extensions and removal of chimney and garage
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#### **NO ADVERSE COMMENTS, SUBJECT TO NO VALID NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS BEING MADE**

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SMD/2015/0144	Frogmeadow Farm Meadowside	erection of detached dwelling (resubmission of SMD/2014/0653)
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#### **NO ADVERSE COMMENTS – RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

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**81. JACKSONS NURSERY/MEADOWS SCHOOL SITE**

A presentation from Renew Land Developments was deferred as the applicants had been unable to meet with District Council planning officers in time for this meeting. There had been a request made for a meeting with members prior to a public meeting/consultation.

**82. DECISIONS AND NOTICES RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Decisions were received from the District Council.

**83. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN/FORWARD PLANNING**

Gerry Dawson, Interim Regeneration Manager at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, was welcomed and invited to address the meeting. He said that this would be a neutral presentation – he wasn’t trying to pressurize the Town Council into this. A Neighbourhood Plan involved a lot of work and should not be entered into lightly.

Mr Dawson then gave a slide presentation (*copy available on request*).

The Neighbourhood Plan can simply be about one topic. Boundaries of the area covered by the plan are flexible.

Councillor Hawley explained that the Town Council wanted to look at doing this to assist with site allocations, in the absence of a District Local Plan, to protect us from unscrupulous and random development.

Mr Dawson said that Green Belt development will be necessary, unless an alternative can be proved. A Neighbourhood Plan has higher status than a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Town Council will get assistance from the District Council and can also seek advice from the Planning Advisory Service; Planning Aid; there is also a £8,000 Neighbourhood Planning Grant available. He added that it was encouraging that the Town Council has shown an interest in this process, which would reward the considerable amount of work put in by giving local people a say in planning for our area.

The Chair thanked Mr Dawson for the comprehensive presentation and thanked him for attending.

The Chair thanked members for all of their hard work this past four years, especially thanking those who were not standing for election again.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

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Date . . . . .