

**BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2015**

**PRESENT**

The Mayor – Councillor Baddeley  
Councillor Court  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Harper  
Councillor Hawley  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor Lawson  
Councillor Nicosia  
Councillor Redfern  
Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Rushton  
Councillor Swift  
Councillor Whilding

**1.15 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Councillor Hart called for nominations for Chair of the Planning Committee. Councillor Jones nominated Councillor Hawley, Councillor Swift seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Councillor Hawley was elected as Chair.

Councillor Hawley took the Chair and called for nominations for Deputy Chair. Councillor Redfern nominated Councillor Whilding, seconded by Councillor Rushton, there were no other nominations and Councillor Whilding was elected as Vice Chair.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:  
The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Salt  
Councillor McGuinness

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: Councillor Davies declared that he was a member of the District Council Planning Applications Committee and would not vote on any application before the Town Council. Councillor Lawson declared that he was a member of the County Council Planning & Countryside Committee and would not vote on any application before the Town Council.
- b Other Interests: none declared.

**4. MINUTES**

It was Approved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2015 be signed as a true record.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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| SMD/2015/0087 | 71 Park Lane | Removal of chimney stack, construction of a front porch, single storey rear extension and alterations to elevations |
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**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS, SUBJECT TO NO VALID NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS**

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SMD/2015/0181 Tower Hill Farm Variation of condition 2 SMD/2014/0376 for a minor material  
Tower Hill Road amendment to the external appearance of Barn D

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS**

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SMD/2015/0184 The Homestead Single storey rear extension  
Biddulph Moor

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS, SUBJECT TO NO VALID NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS**

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SMD/2015/0222 Lask Edge Farm caravan site access track with five pitches  
Lask Edge Road

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS, UNLESS THE TRACK CONTRAVENES GREEN BELT POLICY. THE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS TOURISM BUSINESSES IN THE AREA**

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SMD/2015/0243 Red Cross Farm Demolition and reconstruction of an existing outbuilding to  
Tunstall Road form new living accommodation and glazed link between the  
two buildings

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS, UNLESS ANY HISTORIC FEATURES ARE TO BE REMOVED IN THE DEMOLITION. (A councillor remembers that there was some wattle and daub construction in this historic farmhouse)**

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SMD/2015/0250 163 Tunstall Road Single storey rear extension

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS, SUBJECT TO NO VALID NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS**

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SMD/2015/0254 Mount Pleasant Farm Variation of condition 2 (of SMD/2013/1177) for slight  
Well Lane amendments to windows/doors, resizing of roof lights and  
Gillow Heath alteration to roof pitch

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS**

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SMD/2015/0261 land near EIA screening request for a proposed Solar PV farm  
Beacon House Farm development  
Wedgwood Lane

**THE TOWN COUNCIL INSISTS THAT AN EIA IS CARRIED OUT. THIS SITE IS NOT FLAT, IS VISIBLE FROM MUCH OF THE BIDDULPH AREA AND MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED THAT VISUAL POLLUTION WOULD BE CAUSED , UNLESS THE APPLICANT CAN PROVE OTHERWISE**

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HNT/2015/0017 Marshfield Gate Fm Single storey rear extension  
Marshfield Lane

**REFUSE – GREEN BELT/OVERDEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE**

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**6. APPEALS**

The following appeals notices were received:

SMD/2014/0771      Mole House Farm      Demolition of existing garage and erection of an attached  
Crowborough Road      double garage

**Town Council Comments**

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS - UNLESS CONTRAVENTION OF GREEN BELT AND OPEN SPACE**

SMD/2014/0628      Higher Overton Farm      Change of use of land from agriculture to leisure  
Overton Road      and tourism, for the siting of a single log cabin  
and access track

**Town Council Comments**

**SUPPORT - UNLESS CONTRAVENTION OF GREENBELT POLICY**

**7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council**

An application for the designation of a neighbourhood development plan area by Loggerheads Parish Council was received.

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

Decisions were received from the District Council.

**9. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

A pre-application meeting regarding the proposals for the Meadows School site had been requested. It was agreed to suggest 5pm on Tuesday 2 June.

The meeting closed at 9.19 pm.

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Date .....