

COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 15 October 2015 at 6.45pm in the Astley Room at the Village Hall, Station Road, Broughton Astley.

PRESENT: Cllrs G Brown, S Hendy and L R Patrick

APOLOGIES: Cllrs R H Capewell, M Stell and M Swinfen

CLERK: Mrs A Wood

MINUTE NO.

748.15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**
None were received.

15/01387/FUL

Applicant: Ms L Harvey

Location: 69 Warwick Road, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire LE9 6SA

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

749.15 **RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no objection to this application.**

15/01452/REM

Applicant: Jelson Ltd

Location: Land East Of Broughton Way, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire

Proposal: Erection of 100 dwellings with associated garaging, hardstanding and public open space (Phase 1 Reserved Matters of 13/01142/OUT, landscaping only to be assessed)

750.15 **RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no objection to this application; however, it would kindly request clarification on the responsibility and maintenance of soft landscaping further to the following statement:**

Specification for Soft Landscape Works

2.89 The maintenance and defects liability period is to extend for a MINIMUM of 12 months from a practical completion of landscape works.

It was also suggested by Members that the maintenance and defects liability period should continue whilst the developer was still on site or extend two years after completion of landscape works, whichever is the later.

In addition, Members queried the ongoing responsibility and maintenance for the play area equipment, which included a meeting shelter, litter bins and benches.

DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members were advised that no new decisions on planning applications had been received from Harborough District Council for Broughton Astley since the last meeting.

However, Members were advised that Harborough District Council (HDC) had received further comments from the Agent in response to the Parish Council's comments on planning application 15/01340/OUT, Land Off Crowfoot Way.

The correspondence in full has been posted on HDC's website; however Members wished to respond to the Planning Officer and query how matters regarding highways, traffic, construction disturbance and housing mix could all be dealt with by condition and highlight that until very recently the site had been a safety hazard as the gates had not been locked, as reported by concerned residents in the area.

751.15 **RESOLVED: To respond to HDC's Planning Officer and query how matters regarding highways, traffic, construction disturbance and housing mix could all be dealt with by condition and highlight that until very recently the site had been a safety hazard as the gates had not been locked, as reported by concerned residents in the area.**

ENFORCEMENT CASES

Members noted one enforcement case that had been reported to Harborough District Council's Planning Enforcement Team.

Members resolved at Minute 730.15 of the Planning & Licensing Committee meeting, held on 1 September 2015:

"That the Parish Council monitors the grass cutting within the village for a further twelve months, whilst information is obtained on the cost, preparation and maintenance of wildflower planting. That if the Parish Council were to seed any areas in the future, those locations to be considered should be prioritised as follows:

- i. The entrances to the village at Broughton Way / Dunton Road;**
- ii. The banked areas along Broughton Way / Station Road; and**
- iii. The green area adjacent to Station Road / Chestnut Close.**

Members to propose small areas of the village to plant crocus and snowdrop bulbs, with the consent of the relevant authority."

The Deputy Clerk updated Members on the outcome of the Leicestershire County Council Cabinet meeting, held on 7 October 2015, where as a result of the issues experienced during the 2015 cutting season a revised approach was approved for 2016 which included the following:

- i. Noting that the peak in demand is between mid-May and the end of June it is proposed to introduce additional resource to deal with the peak growing season and introduce a variable cutting frequency to deal with the seasonal peaks in grass growth (grass to be cut at intervals of 6, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6 weeks);**
- ii. The reduction to 5 urban cuts per annum is considered to have delivered diminishing returns in terms of savings and therefore it is proposed to return to 6 urban cuts per annum for 2016; and**
- iii. Response to customer reported safety concerns (visibility splays) is being amended by directing enquiries straight to the control room so that appropriate resources can be allocated to address the issue.**

Noted with no further action required at this time.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

DATE OF NEXT PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 26 October 2015 at 7.30pm