

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 19th AUGUST 2010**

PRESENT Councillor D. Murphy (Chairman)
C. Anstice
N. Bayley
G. Baxendale
E. Clarke
G. R. Edwards
P. Mason
D. Martin
D. A. Parker
A. R. Thwaite (Vice Chairman – In the Chair for Applications
10/2651C and 10/2653C)
Mrs. J. Whitehurst

30 Members of the public attended the meeting

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors D. T. Brown, M. Carey, Mrs. S-A. Holland, C. Nield and Miss R. Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

PLN/10/1011 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 29th July 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare both “personal” and “personal and prejudicial” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillors G. Baxendale, P. Mason and A. Thwaite declared personal interests due to being members of Cheshire East Council

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were none

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/11/1011 RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be made to East Cheshire Borough Council:

Deferred Applications from Planning Meeting on 29th July 2010

10/2651C	Land at Canal Road, Congleton, CW12	REFUSED
10/2653C	Land at Canal Road, Congleton, CW12	REFUSED

The application was refused for the following reasons:-

Highway related issues – the junction at Astbury Lane Ends and Canal Road is very busy and also contains a bus stop in both directions picking up school children in the mornings and afternoons. Thus the impact of traffic emanating from the new development will exacerbate an already busy junction and increase the probability of accidents occurring and would be contrary to highway safety because of the unacceptable increase in traffic.

Additional concerns:-

1. Proposed development would result in more road parking.
2. No notices have been put up in Wolstanholme Close publicising the planning application.
3. Not aware of any community involvement relating to this application.
4. Builder plans to use soak away drains for storm water, as all the existing homes have a similar system, there is concern that the issues under the aqueduct of Canal Road will be intensified.
5. Strongly suggest that the pond is surveyed on the site for evidence of Great Crested Newts in the pond which are believed to exist in the area.

Councillor Murphy declared personal and prejudicial interests in application 10/2651C and 10/2653C, as he knows one of the objectors, and left the room for these items. The Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Week ended 30th July 2010

10/2510C	Milford House, West Street, Congleton, CW12 1JW	NO OBJECTION
Councillor Mrs. Whitehurst declared a personal interest in application 10/2510C as a near neighbour		
10/2662C	32 Priory Close, Congleton, CW12 3JL	NO OBJECTION
10/2749C	75 Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3DD	NO OBJECTION
Councillor Thwaite declared a personal interest in application 10/2749C as a near neighbour		

Week ended 6th August 2010

10/2641C	16 Johnson Close, Congleton, CW12 3TQ	NO OBJECTION
Councillor Bayley declared a personal interest in application 10/2641C		
10/2782C	3 Copperhill Road, Congleton, CW12 3JG	NO OBJECTION
10/2956T	Land Adjacent to 25 Kestral Close, Congleton, CW12 3FA	NO OBJECTION subject to usual conditions

Week ended 13th August 2010

10/1957C	Astbury Marsh Caravan Park, Newcastle Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
Councillors Baxendale and Mason declared personal interests in application 10/1957C		
10/2663C	27 Blackshaw Close, Congleton, CW12 3TB	NO OBJECTION
10/2845C	8 Weathercock Lane, Congleton, CW12 3PP	NO OBJECTION
10/2870C	West Heath Shopping Centre, Holmes Chapel Road, Congleton, CW12 4NB	NO OBJECTION
10/2924C	54 Boundary Lane, Congleton, CW12 3JA	NO OBJECTION

Additional List

10/1205C	65 Newcastle Road, Congleton, CW12 4HL	REFUSE on grounds of infringement of public amenity land
Councillors Baxendale and Bayley declared personal interests in application 10/1205C as members of Astbury Mere Trust		
10/2779C	Albany Mill, Canal Street, Congleton, CW12 3LP	NO OBJECTION

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

None to report

7. **LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

To note the application by Aldi Stores Ltd., for the Aldi Store at West Heath Shopping Centre, Sandbach Road, Congleton for a premise license for the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption off the premises each day of the week between 08.00 and 23.00.

8. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

None to report.

9 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Bayley informed the meeting of concerns raised by a member of the public regarding the positioning of a green broadband box near to the boundary of his property on Giantswood Lane. Councillor Clarke was also aware of concerns regarding the position of similar boxes in Buglawton. It was agreed that Cheshire East Planning Department be requested to give consideration to residents when installing these boxes.

Councillor Martin informed the meeting of residents concerns regarding parking problems in the Howey Lane/Tudor Way area since the introduction of parking charges. The Town Clerk requested him to e-mail him the details for discussion at a forthcoming meeting.

D. Murphy
Chairman