

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2014**

PRESENT Councillor L Barker (Chairman)
Mrs D Allen
G. Baxendale
P. Bates
R. I. Brightwell
D. T. Brown – arrived at 7.35 p.m.
J. S. Crowther
G R. Edwards
G. P. Hayes
Mrs A Martin
D. Murphy
D. A. Parker
Mrs. J. D. Parry
Mrs. E. Wardlaw

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Ms. L. Bours, Mrs. S. A. Holland, N. T. Price, G. S. Williams and Miss R .K. Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

PLN/33/1314 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13th March 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor G. Baxendale declared a “non pecuniary” interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council.

Councillor D. T. Brown declared a “non pecuniary” interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council and also due to his membership of the Strategic Planning Committee. Councillor Brown did not vote on any items.

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were none.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/34/1314 RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be made to Cheshire East Borough Council:

Week ended 14th March 2014

14/0991C	Dane Court, Mill Green, Congleton,	NO OBJECTION
14/1038C	20 Chestnut Drive, Congleton, CW12 4UD	NO OBJECTION
14/1174C	Sunnyview, Canal Street, Congleton, CW12 3AE	NO OBJECTION

Week ended 20th March 2014

14/0464C	17 Sandbach Road, Congleton, CW12 4LB	NO OBJECTION
14/1154C	4 Hillesden Rise, Congleton, CW12 3DR	NO OBJECTION
14/1192C	Wharf House, Silk Street, Congleton, CW12 4DH	REFUSE- due to

loss of amenity for Booth Street residents

Councillor Baxendale declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application 14/1192C

14/1248C	33 Boundary Lane, Congleton, CW12 3JA	NO OBJECTION
14/1275C	87 Newcastle Road, Congleton, CW12 4HL	NO OBJECTION
14/1284C	19 Beatty Drive, Congleton, CW12 2ER	NO OBJECTION

Councillors agreed that applications 14/0999T and 14/1268T would not be discussed as the decision has already been made by Cheshire East.

Week ended 28th March 2014

14/1094C	4 Lower Heath, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
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Councillors Barker and Martin declared "non pecuniary" interests in application 14/1094C

14/1104C	Boundary Villa Farm, 4 Boundary Lane, Congleton	REFUSE – due
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to being green belt land

Councillor Edwards declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application 14/1104C

14/1361C	34 Dale Crescent, Congleton	LEAVE
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DECISION TO CHESHIRE EAST PLANNING OFFICERS – With note regarding whether UPVC Cladding is an appropriate material to use in this neighbourhood

15/1307T	36 Park Lane, Congleton	NO OBJECTION Subject to usual conditions
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Additional Items

14/1237C	Unit 13 – 14 West Heath Shopping Centre, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
14/1076C	11 Mill Street, Congleton	NO OBJECTION

Councillors Bates, Hayes, Murphy and Parker declared "non pecuniary" interests in application 14/1076C

14/1465C	Key Green Chapel, Pedley Lane, Congleton	LEAVE
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DECISION TO CHESHIRE EAST PLANNING OFFICERS – whether land is within the green belt

Councillors Barker and Parker declared "non pecuniary" interests in application 14/1465C

14/1442C	46 A West Street, Congleton	REFUSE DUE
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TO LIGHT POLLUTION

14/1373C	14 Isis Close, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
14/1558C	183 Longdown Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION

14/1296C 111A Canal Road, Congleton – The Town Clerk was requested to contact the Cheshire East enforcement officer to check whether everything has been carried out satisfactory in respect of a previous application.

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

The following appeal was noted -

APP/R0660/A/14/2214018 – Application 13/3764C –

Land Off Waggs Road, Congleton – Bellway Homes – 104 Dwellings

To note that Councillors deplore the appeal and the Town Clerk was requested to contact the Inspector with the Town Council's decision on the application.

APP/R0660/D/14/2215791 - Application 13/4974C – 1 Wards Lane, Congleton
Appeal was noted

7. **REPORT – MEETING WITH SEDDON HOMES**

A report from the Town Clerk regarding a meeting with Seddon Homes was received.

8. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Councillor Brightwell stated his concerns regarding the recent damage to the bridge over the railway line on Moss Road. Safety issues had previously been raised by this Committee and the Town Clerk was requested to contact Cheshire East to ensure that the highway improvements are carried out urgently.

Concerns were made regarding the position of the 40 mph speed limit on the A534 into Congleton now that the development has started at Loachbrook Farm. The Town Clerk was requested to contact Cheshire East to check whether there are conditions on the development in this respect and to ascertain when the speed limit position will be changed.

9. **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN STRATEGY**

Councillors agreed that the Strategy had undergone a great deal of consultation and from our perspective is legally sound.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that correspondence had been received from Staffordshire Moorlands regarding the adoption of the Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy.

Correspondence was noted from Cheshire East in respect of the Steamboat and it was agreed that Councillors Brown and Martin would attend the Enforcement Hearing

Street Trading Applications – The following applications were noted –

Trailer on A534 layby near Brereton – no objections were raised.

Victoria Potatoes, Victoria Street, Congleton – No objection to this application subject to the arrangements being made to ensure the trader complies with regulations regarding no traffic movement in the pedestrian area during the times 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

L Barker (Chairman)

