

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**PRESENT** Councillor D. Murphy (In the Chair)  
Mrs. D. Allen  
R. I. Brightwell  
J. S. Crowther  
G. R. Edwards  
G. P. Hayes  
Mrs. S. A. Holland  
Mrs. J. D. Parry  
N. T. Price  
G. S. Williams

Approximately 100 members of the public attended the meeting

#### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors L. D. Barker, P. Bates, G. Baxendale, D. T. Brown, M. J. Hutton, Mrs. A. M. Martin, D. A. Parker, Mrs. E. Wardlaw, and Miss R. K. Williams.

PLN/13/1213 RESOLVED: - That Councillor D. Murphy be elected Chairman of this committee meeting.

#### 2. **MINUTES**

PLN/14/1213 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012 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.

#### 4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were none

#### 5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/15/1213 RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be made to East Cheshire Borough Council:

#### **Applications Deferred from previous meeting**

Applications 12/3028C and 12/3025C were considered together at the start of the list of applications. Mr Colin Bailey gave a presentation on behalf of residents in objection to these two applications. A small number of other residents also commented.

12/3028C	Land off The Moorings, Congleton	<b>REFUSE</b>
12/3025C	Land off Goldfinch and Kestral Close, Congleton	<b>REFUSE</b>

**THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO REFUSE APPLICATIONS 12/3028C AND 12/3025C for the following reasons.**

- Long term traffic issues created by an estimated extra 320 vehicle journeys entering and leaving the estate on a daily basis. The entrance to the estate next to the Wellspring church can already be inaccessible at times due to hospital workers parking on one side.
- Increased traffic volume on Canal Street. This road is not suitable for heavier traffic flow due to its two narrower road sections heading towards the town centre creating pinch points.
- Concern at safety of pedestrians on Canal Road due to the extremely narrow pavement alongside Burns Garage and the likelihood of more accidents occurring.
- Impact on flora, fauna and wildlife in the area

12/3163C 118 Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LY NO OBJECTION  
Councillor G. R. Edwards declared personal interest in application 12/3163C

**Week of 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

12/3087C	1 Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3RJ	NO OBJECTION
12/3129C	Brackenwood, Canal Road, Congleton, CW12 3AT	NO OBJECTION
12/3133C	Bon O Phool, Antrobus Street, Congleton CW12	NO OBJECTION
12/3174C	3 Woburn Drive, Congleton, CW12 1SS	NO OBJECTION
12/2928C	10 Holford Street, Congleton, CW12 1HA	NO OBJECTION
12/3259C	45 Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LG	NO OBJECTION
12/3149C	Overton Court, West Street, Congleton, CW12 1JY	NO OBJECTION

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12/3026C	49 Swan Street, Congleton, CW12 4BN	NO OBJECTION
12/3194C	Bank Farm, 202 Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LS	NO OBJECTION
Councillor N. Price declared a personal interest in application 12/3194C		
12/3197C	26 Rood Hill, Congleton, CW12 1LQ	<b>NO OBJECTION</b>
<b>subject to the following being noted</b> – Concerns regarding highway safety due to the busy road and insufficient parking.		
Councillor D. Murphy declared a personal interest in application 12/3197C		
12/3227C	1 Boundary Lane, Congleton, CW12 3JA	NO OBJECTION
12/3234C	Waggon and Horses, West Road, Congleton, CW12 4HB	<b>REFUSE – due to the plans appearing to show the alterations are for the use of the building as a convenience store.</b>
Councillor D. Murphy declared a personal interest in application 12/3234C		
12/3247C	Readesmore Medical Group, 29 West Street, Congleton	<b>NO OBJECTION</b>
<b>subject to the following being noted</b> – Concerns regarding the inclusion of a pharmacy would be detrimental to a local pharmacy.		
Councillors D. Murphy, J. S. Crowther and N. Price declared personal interests in application 12/3247C		
12/3252C	Boundary Villa Farm, 4 Boundary Lane, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
Councillor Mrs. S. A. Holland declared a personal interest in application 12/3252C		
12/3256C	Land Off Astbury Mere, Newcastle Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
12/3277C	26 Cumberland Road, Congleton, CW12 4PH	NO OBJECTION
12/3243T	118 Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LY	NO OBJECTION
Subject to usual conditions		
Councillor G. R. Edwards declared personal interest in application 12/3243T		

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

None to report.

7. **LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

None to report.

8. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

None to report.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Concerns were expressed regarding information in respect of West Road being closed for repairs from 10<sup>th</sup> September. When similar road closures were in operation alternative routes via Waggs Street/Road caused safety issues particularly near Marfields School. Cheshire East Highways Officers will be contacted to report these concerns.

Councillors also expressed their concerns regarding pot holes. Councillor Glen Williams volunteered to co-ordinate information and discuss the specific problems with Cheshire East Councillors and Officers.

D. Murphy (In the Chair)