

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on TUESDAY, 15 October 2019

Present: Councillor N Smith (Chairman)

Councillors R Boam, R Canny, J Clarke, D Everitt, D Harrison, J Hoult, M B Wyatt, R Johnson and D Bigby (Substitute for Councillor J Legrys)

In Attendance: Councillors T Gillard, D E J Tebbutt and A C Woodman

Officers: Mr C Elston, Miss S Odedra, Mr J Knightley, Mrs R Wallace, Mr J Arnold and Mr P Sanders

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Bridgen and J Legrys.

36. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure, as amended by the update sheet circulated at the meeting.

38. A1

19/01343/FULM: ERECTION OF A DETACHED BUILDING FOR USE AS A LEISURE CENTRE (USE CLASS D2) TOGETHER WITH EXTERNAL LANDSCAPING, PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES AND PARKLAND (INCLUDING EXTERNAL TRIM TRAILS AND ACTIVITY STATIONS) ASSOCIATED PARKING AND SERVICING AREAS ALONGSIDE PROVISION OF A NEW VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN SITE INGRESS/EGRESS FROM A511 (STEPHENSON WAY).

Land Adjacent To A511 Stephenson Way Coalville Leicestershire

Officer's Recommendation: PERMIT subject to S106 Agreement (or equivalent)

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report to Members.

The Head of Community Services, representing the authority as the applicant, addressed the Committee. He highlighted the proposed state of the art facility which would improve the health and wellbeing of residents, sitting in a woodland setting with a first class building design consisting of wood elements to reflect the National Forest. He advised that the proposal met the Council's need to reduce its carbon footprint and no statutory objections had been received

Councillor S Gillard, adjoining ward member, addressed the Committee. He informed Members that he was in full support of the proposals as it would provide a fantastic new facility for the people of the district. He was also pleased that the new site would benefit the access road into Whitwick with fewer vehicles travelling into the village which in turn would improve air quality. His only concern was the name of the facility as he felt it should reflect the fact that it was situated in Whitwick and not Coalville.

In determining the application, the majority of Members were in support of the proposals and acknowledged the consultation responses of support from existing users of the leisure services, local residents in Coalville and the wider communities.

Chairman's initials

It was moved by Councillor D Harrison and seconded by Councillor J Hoults.

The Chairman then put the motion to the vote. A recorded vote being required the voting was as detailed below.

RESOLVED THAT:

The application be permitted in accordance with the recommendation of the Interim Head of Planning and Infrastructure.

Motion to agree the recommendation as detailed in the report (Motion)	
Councillor Nigel Smith	For
Councillor Russell Boam	For
Councillor Rachel Canny	For
Councillor John Clarke	For
Councillor David Everitt	For
Councillor Dan Harrison	For
Councillor Jim Hoults	For
Councillor Michael Wyatt	Against
Councillor Russell Johnson	For
Councillor Dave Bigby	For
Carried	

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.06 pm

Chairman's initials