

Councillor Brendan McKeown, Stafford Borough Council
(Haywoods & Hixon)

Colwich Parish Council Meeting 7 March 2024

Please accept my written report below on my work in recent weeks.

Residents Only Parking Zone in Trent Lane Great Haywood:

- As per previous reports, I have been pursuing this proposal with Staffordshire County Highways for many months and have had a regular meeting with Trent Lane residents to keep them informed of progress;
- A parking plan has been designed to enable thirteen parking spaces with appropriate signage;
- The cost of implementing the project is £ 8,000 (plus VAT) payable to Staffordshire County Council Highways;
- National Trust (Shugborough) has been invoiced and has paid £ 2,000 (plus VAT = £ 2,400) as a contribution to the project;
- The remaining cost of £ 6,000 (plus VAT) is to be shared by ten Trent Lane households. Three of which are rented properties from the Trustees of the Earl of Lichfield;
- Each property owner has been invoiced £ 300 + VAT for the first instalment against the total £ 600 + VAT cost to implement the scheme;
- Providing each property owner pays their contribution and there are no objections by Police or Cllr John Francis, it is hoped the scheme will be in place by the middle of May 2024.

Local Plan Review:

- The timeline for the review and introduction of a new local plan has slipped and there is uncertainty over when a new timeframe will be made available;
- No further news to report.

Felled trees at Ashtree Close, Little Haywoods

- I have been liaising between a resident of Ashtree Close and Stafford Borough Council Tree Team;
- I obtained a copy of the tree survey report from June 2023 and sent this to the resident;
- Stafford Borough Council Tree Team conceded it had not followed national guidance for the felling of the Ash trees and apologised;
- Replacement trees (more than the original four) will be planted as soon as possible;

- While not entirely happy, the resident has accepted the apology and is ready to move on.

PLANNING APPLICATION 23/37238/FUL SHUGBOROUGH NATIONAL TRUST
NEW VISITOR CENTRE AND A513 ROAD LAYOUT

- I chaired a meeting of the Stafford Borough Council on Tuesday 27th February 2024, where this application was considered;
- After a very informative site visit, members of the planning committee considered the Planning Officer report application and the recommendation to approve;
- A late written submission by Cllr John Francis, objecting to the application on the grounds of highway danger at the new entrance was summarised by the Planning Officer;
- As there was no objection by Staffordshire County Council highways engineers, the Planning Committee supported the officer recommendation to approve the application.

Cllr Brendan McKeown 7th March 2024