



High Offley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 20:30 hours on Thursday 24th November 2022, at Woodseaves Village Hall.

Councillors Present.

E. Halls; D. Turpin; R. Hockenhull; P. Mason; M. Smith & M. Turvey, together with the Clerk and two members of the public.

22/154: To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences.

Councillor S. Celesia was not present at the meeting.

22/155: To Note any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor P. Mason declared an interest as a landowner making a request to the parish council.

22/156: To Consider a Response to the Stafford Borough Local Plan 2020-2040.

The following were accepted as points to be raised in response to the Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation:

- i. The preferred development site HIG 13 was disproportionate to the size of Woodseaves.
- ii. The preferred development site HIG 13 was incongruous to the character of Woodseaves.
- iii. The sewage system would need to be upgraded with more suitable access the plant at Moscow Lane.
- iv. Willowcroft be included as a green space.
- v. Increased car parking on the A519.
- vi. Service infrastructure.
- vii. Sites in the Local Plan corresponding with the draft HOPC Neighbourhood Plan.
- viii. The need for a car park at the school.
- ix. Welcoming the development at Meecebrook.
- x. A reconsideration of Policy 26, concerning steel-framed buildings.

***21:08:** Having declared an interest, Councillor Mason left the meeting before his letter to council (redacted copy attached) was considered.

The Clerk stated that the council could not meet with Councillor Mason's request, as it would be effectively promoting the pecuniary interests of an HOPC councillor. Council agreed and suggested that Councillor Mason be advised to make his submission as a private individual to Stafford Borough Council.

22/157: To Confirm the Time and Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting was confirmed as being at 18:30 hours on Thursday 8th December 2022.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 21:17 hours.

S. Ridgewell, Clerk to Council. Friday 2nd December 2022.

*Phil & Helen Mason, [REDACTED], Woodseaves, Stafford,
Staffordshire, ST20 0LA.*

To: High Offley Parish Council
Sent by email.

Date: 20th November 2022.

Dear Councillors,

RE: STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSED LOCAL PLAN 2024-2040

With regards to the above mentioned local borough plan (LP) and the announcement of the forthcoming High Offley Parish Council meeting on the 24th November 2022, we note that Stafford Borough Planning (SBP) have included most of the lands/sites put forward adjacent to the Woodseaves structure boundary with the exception of sites 06 (land in our ownership)* and [REDACTED].

All of the sites put forward in High Offley Parish Neighbourhood Plan (HOPNP) went through a lengthy, thorough and vigorous consultation process with final approval by the HOPNP committee, followed by approval of the parish council. Several drafts were scrutinised by SBC Planners and the final plan was approved by SBC before submission to the government inspector/examiner.

It is our view, inline with many other parishioners, that these smaller potential development sites remain the preferred options for Woodseaves village and not large-scale versions such as that proposed for lands behind the village school, although personally we were never totally against a smaller scale development in that location.

We therefore ask the parish council to request that SBC Planners include sites 06 and [REDACTED], as approved in their original response, and, in addition, to reduce the numbers of properties proposed behind the school. Obviously, there is no given construction consent for any development and the SBC Planners and/or a Government Inspector will decide on applications submitted for development at all of the sites within the final Local Plan.

In addition to the above, we would welcome the Parish Council's encouragement requesting that the two canal mooring basins and The Cock Public House potential car park extension area, which were both approved by that detailed above in paragraph 2, and as such should be included in the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely



Phil & Helen Mason

*** P Mason as a Parish Councillor I declare an interest.**