

Chair - Councillor B McKeown

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A G Cooper

B M Cross

A D Hobbs

J Hood

E G R Jones

A Nixon

M Phillips

J P Read

A J Sandiford

S N Spencer

Also present:- Councillor F Beatty and J M Pert

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime

V Blake

R Wood

J Holmes

J Allen

- Principal Solicitor
- Senior Planning Officer
- Development Lead
- Development Manager
- Democratic Services Officer

#### **PC14 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors I D Fordham (substituted by Councillor J Hood), P W Jones (substituted by A G Cooper) and A R McNaughton (substituted by J P Read).

#### **PC15 Application 23/36938/FUL - Lower Farm, Drointon Lane, Grindley**

(Recommend: approval subject to conditions).

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding the matter.

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:

Mr Rayson spoke in objection to the application.

Mr Conshaw, Ms Tearle and Mr Turner spoke in support of the application.

At the invitation of the Chairman, F Beatty, Milwich Ward Member, addressed the Committee.

She asked Members of the Planning Committee to consider the impact on the local community and to scrutinise the concerns of the local residents.

Councillor J P Read proposed that the application be refused due to its extensive size in terms of land take and combined with its form in relation to the rural character of the surrounding area and close proximity to the hamlet of Drointon, it would have an adverse impact on the appearance of the rural landscape, the visual amenities of the local community and appear particularly intrusive when viewed from public vantage points in the area. The proposal is therefore contrary to paragraphs 135 and 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy N1 in the Plan for Stafford Borough.

This was seconded by Councillor B Cross.

On being put to the vote the proposal to refuse application 23/36938/FUL was carried.

RESOLVED:- that planning application 23/36938/FUL be refused due to its extensive size in terms of land take and combined with its form in relation to the rural character of the surrounding area and close proximity to the hamlet of Drointon, it would have an adverse impact on the appearance of the rural landscape, the visual amenities of the local community and appear particularly intrusive when viewed from public vantage points in the area. The proposal is therefore contrary to paragraphs 135 and 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy N1 in the Plan for Stafford Borough.

CHAIR