

# Council meeting: Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Parade, Royal Learnington Spa, on Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at **6.00pm**.

#### Agenda

#### **1.** Apologies for Absence

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Declarations should be disclosed during this item. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. If the interest is not registered, Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.

Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

If Members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.

#### 3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 October 2022. (Pages 1 to 11)

#### 4. Communications and Announcements

#### 5. Petitions

#### 6. Notices of Motion

To consider a Notice of Motion to be proposed by Councillor Rhead and seconded by Councillor Matecki that reads as follows:

"On the 19 July 2022, Warwickshire County Council, by a slim majority, formally adopted the Local Minerals Plan and within that Plan is the proposed sand and gravel quarry at Wasperton Farm, Barford. Barford's current population is c.2,000. Importantly 124 houses are within 400 metres and Barford's school (educating 250 children) is within 650 metres from the quarry's site.

Despite strong concerns amongst the local community about the site being allocated, we acknowledge that the Plan has now been adopted. Whilst expressing our strong concerns about the inclusion of the site in the Minerals Plan, we ask Warwickshire County Council and the prospective site developers *involve WDC in pre-application discussions at the earliest opportunity. This will enable WDC to use its controls and influence to ensure potential impacts are properly mitigated to protect local residents and to mitigate other potential harm arising from the development.* 

#### The motion proposed is:

This Council is concerned at the potential impacts of a quarry development at Wasperton Farm close to Barford and calls upon Warwickshire County Council and the prospective site developers to engage with WDC at the earliest opportunity, and certainly before a planning application is submitted) to address the points 1-3 set out below.

- 1) Noting the particular risks associated with silica particles (PM2.5 and PM10), as well as pollution associated with vehicles movements, we will carefully assess and control the risk to health associated of any air pollution arising from the sand and gravel quarrying. The Environmental Impact Assessment should provide robust data and technical information about this and will be subject to appropriate assessment by the Council's relevant specialist offices along with any mitigation measures.
- 2) We will ask the highways authority to give careful consideration to the traffic and road safety impacts associated with increased vehicles movements and along with impacts associated with vehicles using the site, such as wheel washing.
- 3) We note that the proposed development of the site does not align with WDC's Climate Change Action Programme in relation to embodied carbon in construction, vehicle movements and potential impact on biodiversity. We will therefore seek to ensure that
  - *a)* Biodiversity net gain is applied to the assessment of the planning application
  - b) The developer engages with WDC about the potential to use low carbon fuels for the vehicles operating from the site and in particular, that we engage in early discussions about the potential for hydrogen vehicles to operate from the site in association with WDC's hydrogen hub proposals.
  - c) That any buildings developed on the site take account of the District Council's emerging Net Zero Carbon DPD
  - d) Other community benefits are explored as part of the development and restoration process."

## 7. Leader and Portfolio Holders' Statements

## 8. Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders

## 9. Cabinet Report

To consider an excerpt from the Cabinet meeting of 3 November 2022

(Pages 1 to 6)

## **10.** Parish & Town Council Representative

To receive the recommendation of the Audit & Standards Committee to appoint Parish and Town Council representatives to the Committee.

# 11. Common Seal

To authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

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