

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

THURSDAY 16th MAY 2024 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Waterton (Chair), Councillor Sam Maxwell (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Richard Forrest, Darshan Singh, Marion Waterton and Mark Widdop.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Chief Executive & Town Clerk.

There were two members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nick Brown.

2. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members.

3. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may submit a petition and/or attend the meeting for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There were two members of the public present, both of whom were interested in Braunstone Village Conservation Area – proposed character appraisal, consultation and review (item 4 on the agenda).

Both members of the public supported the proposals in principle; raising the following points:

- a) The maps included with both the draft Character Appraisal (Item 4, Appendix A) and draft Management Plan (Item 4, Appendix B) highlighted Nationally Listed Buildings in orange. However, it was suggested that the curtilage buildings behind Manor Farm were also Listed Buildings as part of the Manor Farm Listing; therefore, these buildings should also be highlighted orange on the maps. The curtilage buildings for the other listed building sites (both in Blaby District and Leicester City) had been highlighted orange on the Maps.
- b) Comments were raised about the wording and descriptions used in some parts of the document. It was felt that these did not do full justice to the agricultural character of the village and its setting.

- c) The draft Management Plan contained some useful actions; however, there was doubt about how Blaby District Council as a planning authority would progress these or give weight to them in practice.

In respect of a) above, the Chief Executive & Town Clerk undertook to convey the comments raised about Listed Buildings to Blaby District Council in order for this to be checked ahead of the public consultation. In respect of points b) and c) these could be raised in the public consultation.

4. Braunstone Village Conservation Area – proposed character appraisal consultation and review

The Committee received a report in order to comment and make recommendations to Blaby District Council (21st May 2024) concerning a draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for an area of Braunstone Village to the South of Braunstone Lane, along with the merits of holding a public consultation (item 4 on the agenda).

The Committee were keen to ensure that the Town Council supported any consultation process in terms of raising awareness and encouraging residents to respond.

RESOLVED

1. that the recommendation “to proceed to a public consultation on the potential designation of the Braunstone Village Conservation Area”, as detailed in the report to Blaby District Council on 21st May 2024, be supported; and that this be conveyed to Blaby District Council; and
2. that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive & Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of Planning & Environment Committee, to:
 - (a) support the consultation process using the Council’s existing resources, including communications channels and premises, and
 - (b) engage residents, stakeholders, partners, and professional advisers, as appropriate.

Reasons for Decision

1. *The evidence presented supported the recommendations to proceed to the statutory public consultation stage of the process to fully consider the merits of designating the area of Braunstone Village to the south of Main Street/Braunstone Lane as a Conservation Area.*
2. *To progress and support the review process and proposed public consultation for a potential new Conservation Area in Braunstone Village.*

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.

EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;
- foster good relations between different groups

To ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.

These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the currently proposed meeting scheduled for 6th June 2024.

SIGNED:

DATE: