

The **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** met at
WARWICK on the 2nd **MAY, 2006**

Present:-

Councillor Richard Chattaway (Chair of Committee)
“ Dave Shilton (Vice Chair of Committee)
“ Peter Barnes
“ Michael Doody
“ Pat Henry
“ Joan Lea
“ Barry Longden
“ Helen McCarthy
“ Brian Moss
“ Mike Perry
“ Ian Smith
“ John Wells

1. General

(1) Apologies

Councillor Helen McCarthy replaced Councillor Les Caborn for the meeting.

(2) Members Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Personal interests relating to any item on the agenda arising by virtue of the member serving as a District/Borough councillor were declared as follows:-

- (i) Councillor Peter Barnes – Stratford-on-Avon District Council.
- (ii) Councillor Pat Henry – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.
- (iii) Councillor Joan Lea – North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- (iv) Councillor Brian Moss – North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- (v) Councillor Dave Shilton – Warwick District Council.

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2006 and matters arising

(i) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Regulatory Committee's 16th March 2006 meeting be approved.

(ii) Matters arising

Nil.

2. Applications for Determination

(1) Bubbenhall Landfill Site – Amendment to Profile and Restoration of Landfill

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy was considered.

Members were supportive of the proposal for a site visit before they were asked to consider the application at their July 2006 meeting. Members asked that for the following points to be taken into account in the arrangements for the site visit:-

- As the public would not be allowed to speak at the site visit, it would help Members if they were provided with a list of concerns about the application.
- It was a big site and it was, therefore, important to allow ample time for Members to see everything.
- Regard should also be had to the roads around the site.
- Copies of today's report should also be available for reference.
- More information should be made available concerning traffic movements together with comments from the Highways Agency.
- Officers should obtain details of the likely height of the site after restoration.
- A briefing should be held before the site visit, particularly for any new Members who might be appointed to the Committee.

Jasbir Kaur, Development Manager in the Environment and Economy Directorate, said that it was possible that there would be a request for a change of use from agriculture to woodland after restoration.

It was then Resolved:-

That the Regulatory Committee make a site visit to Bubbenhall Landfill Site, Western Lane, Bubbenhall, prior to determining the application for full planning permission, to vary the profile of the site to ensure adequate post-settlement gradients are achieved; to promote surface water drainage across the site; and to alter the restoration scheme at Bubbenhall Landfill Site.

(2) Manor Farm, Upper Brailes – Deposit and Retention of Waste Soil and Rubble Prior to Levelling and Tree Planting

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy was considered.

Members were concerned that there should be no undue delay in carrying out the work and agreed that a time frame should be agreed for that purpose.

Councillor Barry Longden, seconded by Councillor Dave Shilton, moved and it was Resolved:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the retention of previously deposited waste soil and rubble prior to levelling and then tree planting on land at Manor Farm, Upper Brailes, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy as amended and subject to work commencing within six months and being completed within twelve months.

(3) Polesworth High School, Dordon, North Warwickshire – Construction of New Two-Storey Teaching Block

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy was considered.

It was agreed that a footnote should be added confirming the Committee's view that a sprinkler system should be installed.

It was then Resolved:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the construction of a new two-storey teaching block at Polesworth High School, Dordon, North Warwickshire, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

(4) Grendon Sewage Treatment Works (STW) – Asset Renewal and Improvements

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy was considered and it was Resolved:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the construction of glass reinforced plastic kiosks, blower enclosures, a sludge thickening building and new access road at Grendon STW, Spon Lane, Grendon, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

(5) Grendon House Farm, Grendon – Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Store Agricultural By-Products

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy was considered and it was then Resolved, with Councillor Barry Longden voting against:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the change of use of agricultural building to store mainly agricultural by-products at Grendon House Farm, Warton Lane, Grendon, Atherstone, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

(6) Caudlewell Sewage Pumping Station (SPS), Stratford Road, Shipston-on-Stour – Replacement and Extension

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy was considered.

Ian Grace, Principal Planner, said that a Flood Risk Assessment was being considered by the Environment Agency and that if Members were to approve the application they should do so subject to there being no objection from that Agency.

It was then Resolved:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the replacement and extension of Caudlewell SPS, Stratford Road, Shipston-on-Stour, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy and subject to there being no objection from the Environment Agency arising from the Flood Risk Assessment.

3. Any other items – Training for Members of the Regulatory Committee

Ian Marriott, Principal Solicitor, explained that as from the new municipal year, Members of the Committee would need to undertake twelve hours of training over the previous twenty-four months to remain eligible to serve on the Committee. It was likely that a number of Members would not have the requisite training hours. David Carter was able to sanction departures from the Code and Ian Marriott suggested that he should speak to David Carter to obtain his consent to sanction departures from the Code to extend the qualifying

period in which the training should be completed for those Members who wished to take advantage of it.

Councillor Barry Longden said that he was only able to take time off from work at certain times and only if he had adequate notice of the commitment expected of him. He would not commit himself to doing something unless he was certain that he could do so. If it was not possible to tell him what the commitment was, he would have to leave the Committee and this would be his last meeting.

The Chair said that he proposed that there should be half hour training sessions prior to the start of each Regulatory Committee meeting. In addition he proposed that spokespersons for the Committee should meet on Tuesday after the Council meeting to agree a training programme that would enable Members to achieve the required amount of training.

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Chair of Committee

The Committee rose at 11. 02 a.m.