

The **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** met at  
**WARWICK** on the 17<sup>th</sup> **OCTOBER, 2006**

**Present:-**

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

**Officers**

Lisa Arben, Solicitor, Performance & Development  
Directorate  
Sue Broomhead, Senior Planner, Environment &  
Economy Directorate  
Ian Grace, Principal Planner, Environment &  
Economy Directorate  
Jasbir Kaur, Development Manager, Environment &  
Economy Directorate  
Phil Maull, Senior Committee Administrator,  
Performance & Development Directorate

**1. General**

The Chair welcomed Lisa Arben who was attending the meeting in place of Ian Marriott.

Arising from a suggestion from Councillor Barry Longden, it was agreed that in future the minutes should list the names of those officers who were in attendance under the list of Members present.

**(1) Apologies**

Nil.

**(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 Michael Doody – Warwick District Council.
- (iii) Councillor Pat Henry – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.
- (iv) Councillor Joan Lea – North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- (v) Councillor Sue Main – Stratford-on-Avon District Council.
- (vi) Councillor Brian Moss – North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- (vii) Councillor Mike Perry – Stratford-on-Avon District Council.
- (viii) Councillor Dave Shilton – Warwick District Council.

Councillor Dave Shilton also declared personal interests in agenda items 2(4) and 2(7).

**(3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and matters arising**  
**(i) Minutes**

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Regulatory Committee's 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006 meeting be approved and be signed by the Chair.

**(ii) Matters arising**

Nil.

**2. Applications for Determination**

- (1) Buchan Works, Coton Road, Nether Whitacre – Shredding of Waste Wood**
- (2) Canalside Yard, Napton – Erection of Reception/Sorting Building for Tipping and Sorting of Waste**

The Committee accepted the decision of the applicants to withdraw the above applications.

**(3) Ryton Mill, Ryton-on-Dunsmore – Continued Operation of Material Recovery Facility**

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

Jasbir Kaur introduced the report.

Councillor Dave Shilton referred to paragraph 3.1 and said that it was important to include a condition to ensure that unhindered access was maintained to the water discharge point on the application site to enable Peugeot or any successor owner to monitor water quality.

The Committee received advice from officers that it was inappropriate to add a condition for the purpose requested as it was a private matter and the right of access should be pursued as a private matter between the parties concerned.

It was then Resolved, with Councillor Dave Shilton voting against:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the variation of condition 1 of planning permission R821/00CM020 to allow the site to operate for an additional two years until 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at Ryton Mill, London Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy and that no further conditions be added.

**(4) Severn Trent Water, Stratford Road, Warwick – Extensions and Alterations to Longbridge Offices**

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

Sue Broomhead introduced the report and it was then Resolved:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the enlargement of the main building entrance and reception area, the construction of a new Disability Discrimination Act compliant link, the erection of a new enclosure to house plant, and minor building modifications at Severn Trent Water, Longbridge Office, Stratford Road, Warwick, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

**(5) Princes Drive Recycle Warehouse, Leamington Spa – Installation of a Demonstration Micro Wind Turbine**

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

Jasbir Kaur introduced the report.

Councillor Barry Longden suggested that if the Committee were to agree the application, they might wish to visit the site to observe the wind turbine in operation.

Councillor Michael Doody considered that the Committee should make site visit to see a wind turbine in operation before making a decision on the application, in view of the proximity of residential properties to the recycling warehouse.

Jasbir Kaur gave details of the manufacturer's noise specifications for the turbine that indicated relatively low decibel levels that would be masked on most occasions by the existing traffic noise.

Lisa Arben informed Members that the application should be determined on the merits of its planning issues and not on the merits of the system. The Committee should not defer a decision until after a site visit unless the information they had to determine the application made it difficult for them to visualise the impact of the turbine.

It was then Resolved, with Councillor Mike Perry voting against:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the installation of a demonstration micro wind turbine and explanatory panel at Princes Drive Household Waste site, Leamington Spa, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

**(6) Oakfield Junior School, Southlands, Atherstone – Erection of Security Fence and Access Gates**

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

Sue Broomhead said that the school had agreed with the neighbours to monitor the situation once the new fencing had been erected.

It was then Resolved:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the erection of the proposed 2 metre high security fence and access gates at Oakfield Junior School, Southlands, Atherstone, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

**(7) Land adjacent to Woodhill Meadow, off Mill End, Kenilworth – Erection of a 1.1m High handrail**

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

Councillor Dave Shilton made a request for the handrail to be painted green so that it would merge in against the Kenilworth Nature Reserve. Jasbir Kaur had taken this up with Severn Trent Water who had confirmed that this was feasible.

Councillor Barry Longden pointed out that partially sighted people would be unable to see the structure if it were painted to merge with the background.

It was then Resolved, six Members voting for and three against:-

That the Regulatory Committee authorises the grant of planning permission for the erection of a proposed 1.1 metre high handrail on land adjacent to Woodhill Meadow, off Mill End, Kenilworth, subject to the conditions and for the reasons contained in Appendix B of the report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy and that a further condition be added requiring the handrail to be painted green in order to protect the visual amenity of the area.

**3. Appointments to Outside Bodies**

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development was considered and it was then Resolved:-

That the Labour Group on the County Council appoint the replacement for Councillor Ray Sweet on the Warwickshire Environmental Trust and the Conservative Group on the County Council appoint the replacement for Councillor Alan Cockburn on Scape System Build Limited and that the appointments be reported back to the Committee.

**4. Any other items**

Nil.

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Chair of Committee

The Committee rose at 10.57 a.m.