

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Committee meeting minutes.

Charity House, Duke Street, Tutbury on Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present – Francis Crossley- chair, Gill Hough, Ken England, Alex Hall, Mary Upton, Pete Steadman.

07/26/P/01- Apologies – Chrys Smedley.

07/26/P/02 -. Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests – a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to keep their register entry up to date. b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), any Other Registerable Interests (ORI) and/or any Non Registerable Interests (NRI) in items on the agenda and their nature. Councillors who have declared a DPI, or an ORI must, where relevant, leave the room for the specified item.
– None.

07/26/P/03 - Public Participation. – Two residents from Park Pale joined the meeting to discuss the planning application No P/2026/00616. Both residents have independently responded to the application stating that they objected to the tree removal. The tree is perfectly healthy, safe and in good condition. The tree also has a TPO on it and should be protected..

07/26/P/04 – Planning Applications.-

P/2026/00670 – 1 The Park Pale – Cutting back and thinning out by 10% of one mature Oak tree.. - No Comment.

P/2026/00359 – 16a Duke Street – Listed building application for retention of an extension etc– No comment.

P/2026/00616 – High View Ludgate Street – Protected tree- fell to ground level.- Members noted that a perfectly healthy tree should be left alone. Members agreed with the two residents from Park Pale. The tree is healthy, safe, in good condition and has a TPO on it. An objection to the planning application will be submitted.

P/2026/00619 – 2 Priory Close – Construction of a single storey extension to the rear and side .- No comment.

P/2026/00551 – 26 Ludgate Street – Construction of two storey rear and side extensions. The demolition and replacement of an existing detached garage. – No comment.

07/26/P/05 – To acknowledge recent planning decisions.-

P/2026/01403 – 29 Honeysuckle Avenue – Erection of a single storey extension to existing garage. - Approved.

P/2024/01074 – Mill Farm, Bridge Street – Conversion and alterations to existing agricultural building. – Approved.

P/2026/00294 – Lower Castle Hayes Farm – Listed building application. – Approved.

P/2026/00378 – 38a Ironwalls Lane – Single storey front and rear extensions. – Approved.

P/2026/00274 - 3 Silk Mill Lane – Replacement windows etc. – Approved.

P/2026/00542 – 28a Castle Street – Felling of a Silver Birch tree.- Approved.

P/2025/01384 – Fauld Industrial Estate – Industrial building for storage and distribution. – Approved.

07/26/P/06 – To consider and determine a response to a pre application notification regarding Casleway Energy development in Willington.-

The chair informed the committee that he and the clerk had attended a zoom meeting with Brockwell Energy who, are responsible for the scoping report. What we learned from the meeting was that local parish councils are being engaged with but the final decision will be made by the Secretary of State. The area was chosen because a connection opportunity is available into the electricity network at Willington. The nearest to Tutbury will be at Hilton. The project will have a 40 year lifespan. There will be battery energy storage (Lithium). There will also be a legacy fund for local projects. The fund pot will be based on £400 per Megawatt per year. 300 Megawatts of energy will be created per year. The fund pot will total £120,000 per annum.

Church Broughton's response to the report highlight the following :-

- There will be an impact on the local heritage and landscape.
- There is a narrow approach to ecology and biodiversity-many key areas scoped out.
- Visual impact and lighting concerns.
- Traffic and road concerns.
- Water and flooding issues are not addressed adequately.
- A lot of areas dismiss and scope out construction and decommissioning phase.
- The Impact on recreational users are scoped out.
- Insignificant consideration of the impact of major incidents.
- This is an amalgamation of a number of sites over a wide area.
- To drive around all sites will take an estimated 42 miles.
- This major disruption will ruin local close knit communities and villages which will be overwhelmed.
- 900 acres of farmland will be lost.

- The country wide views will be dramatically altered by solar panels.
- The impact of heavy construction on the rural community would be devastating.
- It is highly unlikely that land would return to agriculture.
- Negative effects on neighbours- mental health, construction noise, long term glare, humming noise and light pollution from panels and transformers.

Following the committees debate concerning all of the points made, recommendations back to full council will be as follows :-

- We will show support to Church Broughton Parish council and the other Parishes that will be affected.
- We will be willing to attend a public meeting of Parishes that will be affected.
- We would also recommend that they involve their MPs.

07/26/P/07 - Items for the next agenda - None.

07/26/P/07 – Date of next meeting- Monday 10th August 2026 7.00pm.