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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4TH 2022 MEETING of the RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held at 5.00 pm at Greenwich Park, Nottingham Road, Ripley

Present: Cllrs S. Freeborn, M. Allwood, L. Cox, T. Holmes, L. Joyes, N. Weaving, D. Williams and S. Williams.

In Attendance: Cllr R. Emmas-Williams.

Members of the Public

D. Townsend (Planning Clerk).

040222/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Wilson

040222/2 Variation of Order of Business

None

040222/3 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr Emmas-Williams declared an interest in Minute Number 040222/5 as he donated to the Butterley Iron Works Trust (although he was attending in the capacity of a member of the public).

Cllr Freeborn declared an interest in Minute Number 040222/5 as he was a Trustee and Chair of the Butterley Iron Works Trust and did not vote or take part in the debate on this matter.

Cllr D. Williams declared an interest in Minute Number 040222/5 as he was a Trustee of the Butterley Iron Works Trust and did not vote or take part in the debate on this matter.

040222/4 Public Speaking

S. Freeborn spoke as a member of the public, in support of this development, as any proposal will ensure that the site is brought back into use and becomes a productive area. He stated that he supported the planning application as long as the S106 funding which comes from Buildings 1 and 2 is still part of the overall pot of money.

D. Williams also spoke as a member of the public and supported the proposal in order to ensure that a Heritage Centre and museum could progress, using s106 monies that this proposal might attract. This would also mean that the physical deterioration of the site would be halted.

R. Emmas-Williams stated that he objected to the proposed usage of the site and believed that proposals should be more sympathetic to attracting visitors in line with the history and heritage of the site. The area set aside for parking is also insufficient. Due to the significance of the site this proposal should be called in by the planning authority and determined by the Planning Committee not Officers

040222/5 To discuss current Planning Matters and make comments.

TH – as long as the fabric of the building is retained proposals should be agreed to allow the site to be saved and stop vandalism and deterioration. Should go to Planning Committee

LC proposed use is possibly not as sympathetic as it could be but site needs to be developed as it has deteriorated so much.

General view – usage of building is not ideal but it is important that the site is saved and further deterioration is avoided.

- **040222/5 To discuss current Planning Matters and AVA/2021/1289.** Change of use of retained buildings No 1 and No 2 to provide 886 sqm of commercial uses (class E), (this may affect the setting of a Listed Building). Former Butterley Iron Works, Coach Road, Butterley, Ripley, Derbyshire

RESOLVED that the Town Council support the application on the proviso that the s106 money is still collected and should sit within the context of the whole site.

It is suggested that this application be decided by the Planning Committee not be an Officer decision. Whilst the Town Council has reservations about the proposed use, the overall view is that they prefer for the development to go ahead to stop the deterioration and preserve the site.

The Meeting closed at 5.20 pm.