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**PLANS  
BEFORE THE  
COUNCIL**

A plan for four homes in Branston is the latest application to have been received by East Staffordshire Borough Council's planning department:  
Rear of 243 Burton Road, Branston – Outline application for the erection of four homes with all matters reserved.

41 Church Road, Stretton – Erection of a two-storey side extension to form drive-through car port with accommodation to the first floor.

St Mary's Cottage, 5 Sudbury Road, Yoxall – Erection of a single-storey rear extension.

Land and building at Coton Lane, Draycott in the Clay – Erection of a general purpose agricultural building.

88 Station Road, Barton under Needwood – Felling of one atlas cedar tree.

Weaverlake House, Weaverlake Drive, Yoxall – Erection of a single-storey side extension, new entrance porch canopy and external alterations.

The Boskins, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley – Erection of a single-storey rear extension.

20 Paget Rise, Abbots Bromley – Erection of a part two-storey and first-floor side extension, single-storey rear extension and front canopy.

47 Norton Road, Burton – Erection of a single-storey front extension.

15 Cumberland Road, Stapenhill – Erection of a two-storey side extension including balcony and a dormer extension to facilitate loft conversion, and erection of a detached garage.

72 Effinch Lane, Barton under Needwood – Erection of a single-storey rear extension including porch.

64 The Green, Barton under Needwood – Installation of two front dormer windows and two front Velux windows in lieu of existing dormers to facilitate loft conversion.

Fairview, 8 Horton Avenue, Stretton – Change of use of existing garage for use as a dog grooming salon.

29 Highlands Drive, Winshill – Erection of a single-storey rear extension.

## HEALTH

# Brewers' Ben goes from one team of fighters to another

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Burton Albion chairman Ben Robinson has given his backing to helping men fighting prostate cancer.

He made a guest speech at the monthly meeting held at Queen's Hospital, Burton, which supports those affected by the disease.

Organised by the hospital and the Burton Prostate Cancer Support Group, the meeting was the fourth of its kind held since the group's inception in January.

Roughly 60 people attended the Medical Education Centre at the Belvedere Road hospital on Monday, ranging from prostate cancer survivors to family members and patients currently dealing with the disease.

Mr Robinson ran through the history of Burton Albion, from the 1950s right up until the current season.

He also praised the group for its work and the growth it has seen since forming at the beginning of the year.

The group is self-funded and run by committee. One of the original organisers, Rod Gent, 69, from Burton, said meetings like this allowed those who have suffered or were suffering with the illness a platform to talk and share their experiences.

Mr Gent said: "It's brilliant because it brings people who have gone through prostate cancer together to be able to talk about the issue, which can be a big problem when nobody wants to talk about it.

"I think it's a lot to do with the wives and family, too, being able to give them as much support as anyone else, because, at the end of the day without them, men would suffer a lot more. They give the most support out of anyone."

Burton Albion have made huge strides with helping with the detection of prostate cancer. In March, 2017 staff from Queen's Hospital joined forces with a team from the club to host a series of screening events and health activities.



Burton Albion chairman Ben Robinson addressing the Burton Prostate Cancer Support Group at Queen's Hospital. Below left, Mick Buttler (left), who raised £755 for the cancer support group, shakes hands with support group organiser Rod Gent. Below right, Sarah Minns (left) and Jyoti Shah, who both work at the hospital's urology department. Bottom, Ben Robinson speaking to the group. Pictures by Pares Solanki



The campaign was a success with more than 100 men going to the Pirelli Stadium to be examined. Eight were found to have cancer.

The first meeting was held at Pirelli Stadium, in January, with Mr Robinson having been supportive ever since.

At Monday's event, Mr Robinson spoke of how positive it was to see the group expand from when he had hosted that first meeting. Now it was big enough to fill the whole room at the Medical Education Centre at Burton's Queen's Hospital.

He said: "I'm delighted to be here to share Burton Albion's story. But even more so am delighted to see this group working and how it has incredibly increased by numbers."

The group relies on fund-raising. One member, Mick Buttler took it upon himself to raise £755 by hosting a fishing match in early June for funds. Other members were invited along to Mr Buttler's

fishing spot. He works at brewer Molson Coors in Burton, and staged a day of fishing for a set price. Refreshments were sold on the day and donations taken to make the final sum.

Representatives from national cancer charities like Macmillan Cancer Support and Prostate Cancer UK have a strong interest in the group and a representative from Macmillan was at Queen's Hospital on Monday to make an announcement following the talk given by Mr Robinson.

It was revealed that Sarah Minns and Jyoti Shah, who both work at Queen's Hospital in the urology department and help to arrange the events with the Burton Prostate Cancer Support group had been shortlisted for the Macmillan national award which highlights the work and dedication given by volunteers for the charity throughout the year.

## WHAT IS PROSTATE CANCER?

Prostate cancer is well known as the most common cancer that affects men in the UK, with more than 40,000 new cases being diagnosed every year.

It is a slow developing condition, with very few indications that it may be in your system.

Direct causes of the condition are unknown but there are a number of risks that can increase the chance of developing

it. For example, age increases the risk of it, with most cases developing in men aged 50 or older.

Prostate cancer is more common in men of African-Caribbean or African descent, but is less common in men of Asian descent. It can be a hereditary condition so those with a direct male relative, such as a father or brother, who has been affected by prostate cancer are at a slightly increased risk of

developing it.

Those suffering will have an enlarged prostate which affects the ability to urinate due to its expanding. Those suffering may find that they need to go to the toilet more frequently than normal and may have to strain while urinating, resulting in the bladder feeling like it isn't completely empty.

Treatment for the condition is not

normally an immediate action following diagnosis. At an early stage, when symptoms may not be evident, medical professionals will typically take a "watching and waiting" policy, to monitor how the condition changes over time.

Some cases see an operation on the affected area to remove the prostate, while radiotherapy and hormone therapy are also used.