

Henstridge Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 23rd August 2010.

Present

Councillors: Mickey Vincent (Chair), Pete Crocker, Jean Oswick, David Nicholls, Malcolm Stobart, Adam Temperton, Paul White.

Clerk: Rachel Walker

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies and to approve reasons for apology as seen fit.

Apologies had been received from Mr Fitch and the reasons given to the Council. Apologies had additionally been e-mailed by Ms Rowland but these were not received prior to the meeting and therefore were not reported.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the reported reasons for apology as provided.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Mrs Oswick and Mr Stobart declared personal and prejudicial interests in items 9 and 10.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on 09.08.10 (Any amendments necessary to be received on the night).

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting were approved.

4. To consider the following planning applications:

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| a | 10/02190/ FUL | Proposed conversion and extension of outbuildings to form 4 No. dwellings and the formation of a vehicular access | Waverly Farm Court, Furge Lane, Henstridge BA8 0RS |
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The plans were discussed at some length particularly in respect of the parking provision and the access into the development. Concerns were raised over the density of the parking. It was pointed out that there are letters of objection on the website supporting this concern and also raised issue over the lack of open space. It was felt that the access way should be completed prior to the commencement of the works as there are already residents present.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recommend refusal of the application due to the fact that it is felt that the parking is inadequate for the density of the development. It is requested that any future application provides appropriate parking density and additionally would be subject to a condition requiring that the necessary access works are completed prior to the commencement of the building works.

5. Recent SSDC AE Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

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6. Report of appeals received for consideration at future meetings.

The Clerk advised that notice has been received of the forthcoming public inquiry with regard to the appeal in respect of enforcement notice on the bungalow and land to the rear of Westree sawmills and that this will appear on the September agenda for Councillors to agree any written representation that they may wish to make or if they wish someone to attend the inquiry on 14th September and make representation on their behalf.

7. Matters of report from previous applications.

There were no matters to report.

8. To receive a response from Mark Williams, SSDC CEO, with regard to the concerns raised over planning procedures.

The letter from Mr Williams was read out to the Council. Concerns were raised over the content of the letter.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to take up the offer of having Mr Norris attend a future planning meeting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that items 9 and 10 be considered together.

Prior to leaving the meeting Mr Stobart expressed concern over the length of time that the matter has been going on and that this needs to be resolved. The feeling of the village hall committee currently is that the focus needs to be put on improving the existing hall.

Mr Stobart and Mrs Oswick left the meeting.

9. To receive an update from Mr Jarvis regarding the submission of additional information to the Planning Department regarding the Planning Application for Henstridge VHMC and agree any actions arising from this.

10. Proposal that the Council writes to SSDC expressing disappointment over the handling of the planning applications with regard to the village hall and requesting that as this has never been validated, that the Council's funds are returned to them and that these are then reassigned to the fund for the provision and maintenance of the community building.

Caroline Rowland

The issues were discussed at some length. While it was felt pointless that the District Council continues to hold Parish Council funds when no application has been validated, and there was an awareness that the likelihood of local donations towards provision of a hall in the current financial climate was slim, it was also felt that there was a possibility that wider funding possibilities could be pursued and that if the

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planning application was not moved forward then this may prevent success in any kind of grant application.

RESOLVED: An amendment was put forward to the start of Ms Rowland's proposal that *"as funding could be dependent on planning permission being granted, that if by the first September planning meeting we have provided all of the documentation required by the 24th May letter to SSDC, if this has not then been validated by the second planning meeting that the Council...."*

The amendment to the proposal was voted on and approved. The amended proposal was voted on and approved. It was agreed to defer item 9 as it remained relevant following the amendment to item 10.

Mr Stobart and Mrs Oswick returned to the meeting.

The next meeting of Henstridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 6th September 2010. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Thursday 26th August 2010

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.