

Woolaston Parish Council
Planning and Development Meeting – Minutes
Thursday 12th March, 2015

1. Apologies for absence : Mick Fairless; Clerk.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by MG and seconded by DS
3. Declarations of Interest : None
4. Representations from the previous meeting : None
5. To consider the following application :

P1103/131FUL : The Cherries – Unanimous support
6. Correspondence : None
7. AOB : Alistair Fraser, Sevenwye, Smallbrook Farm

RS gave his report - The Planning Application for the expansion of this business to include livery stables, a ménage and necessity to have on-site accommodation for two employees was tabled at the FoDDC offices in Coleford on Tuesday 10th March. The application was third on the agenda and attended by residents of Smallbrook, of whom Pete Rogers spoke against, the chairman of Alvington PC, Gary Collier, who spoke against and stated that his views were endorsed and supported by the Woolaston PC. RS attended on behalf of the WPC, but did not speak. Alistair Fraser attended with his wife, in whose name this application was made.

Pete Rogers spoke first for his allotted three minutes, followed by Gary Collier. Mr Fraser spoke on behalf of his wife. He was stopped speaking twice for criticising councillors and once for deviation. His request to speak for more than three minutes was refused.

Prior to the debate the officers informed the councillors that their recommendation was to refuse permission for the application. Various councillors spoke on issues such as the size of access roads, the volume of traffic and how it would be impacted by several horses and horse boxes. The bridleway access to the Farm was also discussed.

Finally, there were three councillors who spoke for the application. One felt Fraser should be given five years to prove

the viability of the project, but be appraised every three months, although he did not clarify who would do this or the criteria they would use. Another supported rural business.

Only one made reference to the Planning Inspectorate's refusal of Fraser's appeal to live on the site, or the fact that Fraser's extended 12 month dispensation to find alternative accommodation ended in January, and he made reference to having witnessed a mother and small child being evicted and how awful it was to witness.

Members then voted to approve the motion that permission should be refused by nine (9) for the motion, four (4) against, with two (2) abstentions.

Prior to the discussions, the councillors were asked to disregard any of the information packs sent to each of them by Mr Fraser. Following the vote, M Fraser was asked to apologise to all the councillors.

MG suggested that the PC monitor the situation closely.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting 9th April.

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2. Declarations of interest : None
3. Public Open Forum – This will be held on Thursday 16th April at 8.00 pm and be advertised in the Woolaston News.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by MG and seconded by DS with no matters arising.
5. Policing Matters : MG had seen PCSO Robert Gee earlier in the week, But he had been unaware of the Thursday meeting. He had said that there was nothing going on and when questioned about needles found at the skateboard park, h said he had only found a 'bong'. **George to email PCSO Gee to remind him of the next meeting.**

Highways : There are several deep potholes along Woolaston Common between Spout Hill and the Rising Sun

There have been *no repairs* to any of the damage incurred to the Woolaston Roads caused by the recent diversions due to the recent A48 resurfacing. **George to email Highways.**

Severn View Road was completely blocked by a large Continental articulated truck in February, no doubt due to the driver blindly following his sat-nav. This is the second time in recent times that the village has been used by foreign trucks seeking a short cut. It's now time for highways to erect a large clear sign at the entrance to the village, similar to that at the A48 entrance to Rosemary Lane stating : Single Track Road/no Passing Places/not a sat-nav route. **George to email Highways.**

Maintenance : it was decided to leave any decisions on litter collection until the PC returns with full details of all applicants.

TPO : Parishioners Elaine Davis and Sue Rickards need to apply formally to the District Council for them to remove the TPOs on the Birch trees in question. They would also need to indicate what they were being replaced with. This would eventually come

back to the WPC for approval. **George to reply to the letter accordingl**

Churchyard and Cemetery : MG & RS have now had a meeting at the FoDDC with James Holland, The Divisional Environmental Health Officer, to seek advice on how to proceed with the extension.

The advice was to contact the Environment Agency (EA) in Tewkesbury to ascertain what surveys are required, and who should carry these out.

(Equipped with the necessary surveys, together with proposals duly agreed with the Landscape Department at FoDDC, details of the land the land duly owned by the Parish, the application can then be submitted to FoDDC.)

MG spoke to Phil Blatchley who recommended we search past minutes.

RS contacted the EA for direction and the names of suitable Hydro geological-consultants who could carry out the surveys. RS made contact with three.

An initial survey (Tier 1) has to be carried out. This is a visual survey carried out on site and non-intrusive. The cost of this would be approximately £1,000.

If the site warrants bore-hole, or holes, (Tier 2) then the cost could escalate to £10,000.

Only one quote has so far been received, we are awaiting others before the next meeting, when a choice can be made.

A solicitor needs to be appointed to draw up ownership of the cemetery plot for WPC.

MG requested the mobile number of Mike Lewis from AL, so that MG/RS could arrange an early site meeting with Mike in order to measure out the site.

Finance : No items for payment

6. Other Matters : Alistair Fraser currently rents the field opposite the Rising Sun. He has a five year fixed rental agreement, agreed in return for him repairing/replacing the fencing. Rather than review his rental immediately, it was deemed fair that we should wait until the end of the five year agreement. George to check on this agreement and check when the five years is up.
7. Gary Collier, Chair of Alvington PC, would like to attend the next WPC meeting. **George to write and invite him.**

8. The meeting being closed : date of next meeting 9th April, 2015.