

WESTHAMPNETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

10 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7PM

AT THE MARCH C. OF E. SCHOOL, WESTHAMPNETT

PRESENT: Cllrs Harding (Chairman), Mrs Hardstaff (Vice Chair), Mrs Burborough, James and Mrs Moth.

IN ATTENDANCE: R Hull, Planning Consultant
G. Burt, Clerk
8 Members of the Press and Public

1. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fabricius and Mrs McLeish. (Also Cty Cllr Hunt and Dis Cllr Hall.)

3. Declarations of Interest

Members and officers were invited to make any declarations of pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and were reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then became apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue was to be considered. None were declared.

4. Planning Applications

Application: WH/15/03884/OUT - Lge Scale Maj Dev - All Others
Map Ref: (E) 487255 / (N) 106469
Proposal: Outline Application for the provision of playing fields with associating changing facility, access, parking and linear greenspace. Access from Madgwick Lane.
Address: Land North of Madgwick Lane, Westhampnett, West Sussex,

The Chairman introduced the Council's retained Planning Consultant, Mr R Hull who gave an overview of the application and its relationship to the SDL site opposite. This application was being submitted he suggested, by the developer at the request of the planning authority, to support the housing application opposite, which was still being determined simultaneously by CDC and the Planning Inspectorate. Whilst the housing site had been allocated in the Local Plan, it would seem that the actual planning applications submitted had not been complete in terms of supporting information, hence this latest application.

The Council RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application (on grounds of lack of proven need, poor access, unsustainability, loss of agricultural land, further erosion of *green belt* land between Chichester and Westhampnett, pollution and reduced security for adjacent properties *et al*) and instruct Mr Hull to submit an objection accordingly.

5. Adjournment for Public Questions

The Chairman explained that proposals for improvements to the A27 or a new route in the area were currently been discussed with selected audiences with a view to formal consultations in the New Year. The Parish would be greatly affected by the proposals and needed to be informed and prepared. He welcomed Jeremy Dry a resident of Fishbourne who then gave the meeting as much up to date information as he had gleaned.

The Chairman agreed to attend a planned meeting with the Chairmen of other affected Parishes.

6. Hanging Basket Site, Stane St

As a party to the original S106 agreement for the above site, the Council had to agree any variations. The developers had reached agreement with the planning authority (CDC) for some changes affecting Affordable Housing (cont. in lieu), management of communal infrastructure, and updates to the previous plan included with the agreement. All correspondence previously circulated. RESOLVED that the Chairman AND Vice Chairman of the Council (in the absence of a Common Seal) sign the Deed of Variation of the S106 Agreement.

7. Exclusion of Press and Public

That due to the nature of the business to be transacted (contractual), RESOLVED that the press and public be instructed to withdraw.

8. Community Hall

The Council considered delivery options for the construction of the hall, following an offer from Bellway for the Council to construct the hall directly, and information from the Clerk on likely costs vs funds available. RESOLVED that the Council wished to see Bellway construct the hall as originally agreed, and that the Clerk seek from Bellway a detailed breakdown of their estimate of costs, so a comparison can be made with the Council's own QS report on the design.

Date of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016 7PM

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman:

Date: