

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting at the Coronation Hall, 7.30 pm, December 9, 2019

Present: Steve Hepworth (Chair), Polly Carson, Robert Carpenter Turner, Alex Oliver, Mike Golden, Carol Whittle, Hayley Kington, Charles Reiss (Clerk). In attendance: Cllr Paul Oatway. Apologies: none.

The minutes of the November 14 meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair. Matters arising: none.

094/19 Public comment and question time: The Chair invited members of the public to give their views on each of the planning applications on the agenda.

On the Clock House development all but one who spoke voiced strong objections, particularly over traffic and parking overload, and the proposal for six houses rather than the five already approved. One resident said development of the long-derelict site was essential. Similar concerns were raised over the Crop Circle Exhibition. Steve Hepworth, as Chair, said that the Parish Council was still waiting for the promised solution to the parking issue and would be unable to support the exhibition until that had been settled.

095/19 Application 19/09834/FUL, Clock House, Honeystreet: SH reported that the developers had updated their proposals, aiming to lessen light pollution. They had not offered any change to the number of dwellings nor the colour. Alex Oliver declared a non-pecuniary interest. Speaking by consent of the Chair, he highlighted the adverse impact on the setting of the Mill House, his own dwelling, a key part of the history of the village. He was still concerned at the lack of variety in the buildings and their colour. AO then left the meeting. In discussion, members stressed their dislike of six properties rather than the five originally approved, wholly inadequate parking and the dangers of greatly increased traffic.

Resolution proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Robert Carpenter Turner: That the Parish Council objects to this application due to lack of variety of building designs and materials, the extent of the roof-glazing and lack of spare parking space. Agreed 5-1.

Cllr Oatway said that in view of the PC decision and the views of residents he would, if necessary, call in the application for decision by Wiltshire Council's Planning Committee.

096/19 Application 19/10355/CLE, India Shop, Honeystreet: Alex Oliver, declaring a non-pecuniary interest, said that the building until recently had always been a warehouse. There should be a Change of Use application to deal with the issue of parking. AO then left the meeting. Members, while in support of the café, agreed that the increase in parking as a result of the café, the crop circle exhibition and the retail use of the India Shop was a critical concern.

Resolution proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Carol Whittle: That the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that a Change of Use approval

is required due to parking issues and lack of adequate provision. Agreed unanimously

- 097/19 Application 19/10296/FUL, Crop Circle Exhibition, Honeystreet:** Alex Oliver declaring a non-pecuniary interest again highlighted the parking issue before leaving the meeting. Members agreed that the problems were very similar to and overlapped with those raised by the India Shop.
Resolution proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Robert Carpenter Turner: that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that the applicant has not, as yet, addressed a solution to deal with parking problems. Agreed unanimously.
- 098/19 Application 19/10812/FUL, Fernbank, Honeystreet:** SH outlined the latest changes in response to PC concerns. There was still a worry that the open green space designated as garden and for "rewilding" might be misused for parking.
Resolution proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Carol Whittle: That the Parish Council supports this application provided it includes a condition to prohibit parking of any vehicle on the green space shown in the plan. Agreed unanimously. Cllr Oatway said that he would reinforce the point with the planning officer dealing with the application.
- 099/19 Application 19/10720/FUL, Sheep Unit, West Stowell Farm:** Members agreed that no PC comment was required for what was a very small change to works already agreed.
- 100/19 Application 19/100051/FUL, Chandlers House, Alton Priors:** Members agreed that SH request an extension of the deadline for comment to allow satisfactory plans to be provided and considered. There were also question marks over the latest proposal for an LPG tank.
- 101/19 Application 19/11333/TCA, Old Rectory, Alton Barnes, tree work:** Proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Polly Carson: That the PC supports this application. Agreed unanimously.
- 102/19 Application 19/10843/TCA, The Granary, Alton Priors, tree work:** Steve Hepworth having declared an interest, other PC members indicated they had no objection to this application.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:39 PM.

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