

# ALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting at the Coronation Hall, 7.30 pm, November 29, 2018**

**Present:** Ben Owen (Chair), Polly Carson, Robert Carpenter Turner, Alex Oliver, Richard Heacock. Apologies: Steve Hepworth, Mike Golden, Debby Lester (Treasurer), Charles Reiss (Clerk), Cllr Paul Oatway

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising were held over to the next scheduled meeting

**106/18: Planning Application 18/08363/FUL (revised). Land north of Honeystreet.**

Alex Oliver declared an interest and produced a report commissioned by himself for the Committee and a plan comparing the area of the development to the area of the Alton White Horse. AO then left the meeting for this item.

Concerns were expressed that this is a creeping development and regarding the Southern Electricity Board presence on the site. Ben Owen is to forward Alex's report to Wiltshire Council but one problem is that permitted development can be increased year on year. Comments were made as to the fact that the original track has served for many years and there were concerns regarding the massive increase in the size of the hard standing. It was noted that there are 2 sites of archaeological interest very close to this development and vehicles etc are scattered over the field near to these monuments. BO stated that realistically the hard standing will not be taken up and that the best we can achieve is to accept that it is there but to incorporate conditions to prevent a) future retrospective plans being submitted, b) future developments and c) to restore the area back to some of its original state.

BO then produced a summary of previous resolutions made by the PC in this matter:

Alton Parish Council strongly objects to the new planning application for retention of the hard standing. It is yet again, another retrospective application, adding to the long list already happened on this site. It is not in keeping with the area being an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and classed as countryside, particularly near sites of historic interest like the WW2 air-raid bunker. The hard standing itself is nearly 1.5x the size of the White Horse. We are concerned at further development happening and future encroachment. We are also concerned at future development. We

therefore propose the council adopts these conditions on the site as a bare minimum:

- External storage of non-agricultural material and plant at the site should be restricted, and the use of the wider paddock area for parking or storage prohibited.
- On-site vehicular movements should be restricted to daylight hours during the working week or as required during times such as harvest, etc.
- The site should not be used for operations other than agricultural storage in conjunction with the applicant's own land use and use of the hard standing for operations other than agricultural use prohibited.
- A detailed planting scheme should be taken into account including a range of plant sizes including larger tree stock to create instant impact, structure, breaking up the views towards the site and better integrate it into the local area.

It was proposed by BO and seconded by Robert Carpenter Turner that the Council object to the hard standing. Agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by BO and seconded by Richard Heacock that the above conditions are adopted for the area before any other development is considered, to safeguard the AONB. Agreed unanimously.

**107/18: Planning Application 18/10938/FUL. India Shop, Honeystreet.**

This is an application for a hairdressing salon in the India Shop premises and the plans were provided at the meeting for the Council's consideration. This matter was discussed and RCT and AO both expressed concern over the provision for parking in this area. No objections were raised over the establishment of a hairdressing salon and Council members welcomed this as light industry which will provide jobs. However, with the success of the café in the same area and no satisfactory provision for parking shown in the plans, the following resolution was proposed BO proposed and seconded AO: That the Council support the application subject to a satisfactory proposal for car parking to meet requisite standards. Agreed unanimously.

Any other business: none

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.07pm.

