

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th August 2006

PRESENT: Councillors: P Cook (Chair), C Butterworth, S Bolton, M Griffiths, J Cooper
District Councillor: R Wright
and 8 members of the public.

1. Public participation

Mr Lavercomb addressed the Parish Council and stated that as the neighbours of Meriecot they were in favour of the amended plans as there will be less impact to the magnolia tree on the site.

Mr Lavercomb additionally informed the Parish Council that he was concerned about the vendor information regarding Heathercroft. The information mentions a rear garden but he was uncertain as to whether the site has received planning permission for a change of use of the land to a garden area. Cllr Cook informed Mr Lavercomb that this matter would not be discussed at the present meeting but would be added to the agenda for the next full Council meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Thornton and District Cllr Close.

3. Declaration of interest

Cllr Bolton declared a personal interest in item 4.a on the agenda.

Cllr's Griffith and Butterworth declared a personal interest in item 4.b on the agenda.

4. Planning

a. 06/02080/FUL Holly/ Elm Cottage

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to record no objection to the above application.

b. 06/02128/FUL Meriecot

Cllr Cooper requested information regarding the previous applications for this site. Cllr Griffith replied that one of the previous applications was a different shape with a two storey section to the right but that this was withdrawn and then resubmitted when a new owner applied for a third bedroom to the back of the property. The Parish Council had objected to this but the application was granted. This application involved a slight change to the dining room and a change from a garage to a carport.

A resident addressed the Council and stated that it appeared the building was much higher than had been agreed to previously.

Cllr Griffith also stated that there had been a change in the use of brick type which the Parish Council had not been previously informed about. Cllr Wright replied that the Planning Department do occasionally take executive decisions if they feel the alternative is similar to surrounding properties.

Cllr Cook agreed that the height appears to be an issue and Cllr Griffith questioned how accurate the application plans were. Cllr Wright replied that they were to scale with a maximum discrepancy of 30-40mm.

A resident questioned where the roof level is taken from. Cllr Wright replied that it is taken from the damp proof course to the first floor, onto the second floor, then to the eaves and from there to the ridge line and suggested that the Parish Council request the Planning Department complete a site visit to re-measure.

A resident informed the Parish Council that the owner was more than happy to meet with a member of the Planning sub-committee to explain the plans. Cllr Cook replied that should the owner wish to contact her she would try to arrange this.

The Parish Council agreed unanimously that there was no objection to the alterations to the dining room.

Cllr Griffith questioned whether the carport was in keeping with the character of the cottage. A resident replied that there was no objection to the carport as it caused less damage to the trees but requested that the Parish Council called for a condition to be placed on the application which stated that the carport permission quashed the previous permission for the garage erection. This was agreed. It was also agreed to request that the tree be protected with a spot listing.

5. Matters arising

a. Road through village

Cllr Bolton reported that he had spoken to County Council who had agreed to repair the road through the village within the next two weeks. Additionally the road running past the entrance to Flint Hall Farm had been brought to the attention of the County Council and the Clerk had sent a supporting letter requesting that works be carried out.

b. The square

Cllr Cook read a letter from Warwickshire County Council which stated that there had not been a significant number of accidents causing injury at the square for it to be considered for traffic calming measures. The Clerk was asked to contact the police to obtain accident figures.

c. Parish Plan

Cllr Griffith informed the meeting that the Parish Plan would be distributed shortly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.