

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday 19th December 2016 at 7.30pm
Holton Village Hall

Present – David Badham-Thornhill, Gillian Freeman, Jenny Chambers, Janet Down, Graham Boaler, Nick Haggett, Simon Ford.

In attendance – Elizabeth Persson (Clerk), William Wallace, 12 members of the public

16.130 Apologies - Hannah Croft, Dave Young, James Lee, Tim Inglefield

16.131 Register of Interests - None

16.132 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations - None

16.133 Minutes of Last Meeting

Received and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Monday 21st November 2016.

16.134 Planning Applications

16.134.1 16/04947/FUL – Application for change of use and conversion of former equestrian building to form a single dwelling. Additional information. Maperton Stud, Maperton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8EH. There were no objections to this application.

16.134.2 16/05249/CPO – Importation and deposition of construction, demolition and subsoil waste to re-contour land to improve the slope gradient of agricultural field. Land at Maperton Ridge, Maperton Road, Wincanton, BA9 8EH. There were many concerns raised regarding this application. These include -

On Page 2, 2.1 it states that the “land located within the north of the village of Maperton.” Maperton village continues to the north of the A303 all up Clapton Lane as far as Elliscombe. It is a very spread out village and the land is therefore in the centre of the village geographically.

On Page 2, 2.2 and throughout the Statement "the site.....comprises 4.35 hectares of land". But this is the surface area of the whole field bounded by its hedgerows and the stream at the bottom. What are the surface areas of:-

- (a) the smaller area shown in red in Fig.1, i.e. the area over which the waste will be dumped to improve the gradient, and
- (b) the even smaller area within that, which the Statement claims has not been previously cultivated please?

On Page 2, 2.1 "site....is screened from public views.....nearby roads....."

and Page 2, 2.5 "residential properties.....none lie in direct proximity to the site".

Because the site is on a south-facing slope it is not screened by its hedgerows, it is in clear view from ALL of the houses and lanes of the historic core of Maperton Village grouped around the Church and Maperton Manor House, all of which are built on the north-facing slope directly opposite the site.

Re "proximity", should the Statement not give precise measurements, particularly the distance to the Dancing Cross houses which are in IMMEDIATE proximity to the site and its proposed entrance, and to the Brickyard Farm houses, for reasons of noise and dust pollution?

Throughout the Statement there are grammatical and punctuation errors which make apparent nonsense e.g. final sentence of 3.2 which makes no sense.

At Page 11, 5.14, although somewhat obscure, the intention is to use the Anchor Hill to Dancing Cross route through Holton, i.e. the old 303, for lorry access, i.e. NOT the Dancing Cross exit from the dual carriageway. If the two photos on Page 12, Figs.3 & 4, were re-labelled "route to Anchor Hill" and "route from Anchor Hill" it would make sense as, at present, they are incorrectly labelled given that the photographs are of Dancing Cross NOT Anchor Hill. On this point clarification is sought that the Dancing Cross exit from the A303 would NOT be used by any of the lorries.

At Page 15, 5.21 "hedgerow removal....." should they not give the actual length of hedgerow to be removed for lorry access?

This land has been cropped in the past, why can it not be now?

All the above points are to be put in a letter to Laura Horner, the planning officer, for clarification.

There were also concerns regarding -

The general increase in heavy goods vehicle traffic and the ensuing dust, dirt and noise pollution. If this sort of operation was given the go ahead on virgin land such as this, it could set a precedent.

There may be an increase in fly tipping in the area.

It might cause pollution in the stream, certainly increased sediment and possibly run off that may cause problems further down stream.

Query as to where the information came from regarding average speed of cars on the old A303.

The Clerk let the meeting know that we have managed to gain an extension to the planning schedule for this application. It was agreed that this application will therefore be discussed again at the January meeting of Council and a formal response be made following that. The Clerk also passed on the information that all concerns regarding this application, where possible, should be referenced back to the Waste Local Plan, particularly the 9 Development Policies and 5 WCS Policies. It would also be worth checking it against the South Somerset Local Plan. The meeting asked that the Maperton Councillors liaise with the Action Group being set up and perhaps organise for a spokesperson to represent their views and findings at the January meeting of Council. The Council also advised that anyone with concerns regarding this application write in themselves to the Somerset County Council.

16.135 Planning Decisions

16.135.1 16/04694/FUL – Application for demolition of car port, removal of thatched roof construction. Erection of a two storey extension, construction of a mansard roof to provide first floor accommodation. Frying Pan Copse, Yarlinton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8DX.

Permission granted with conditions.

16.135.2 16/01015/OUT – Outline application for the erection for 2 bungalows with all matters reserved. Land West of Elliscombe Cottages, Gibbet Road, Maperton. Appeal dismissed.

16.136 Consider applications received for co-option to fill the casual Councillor vacancy in North Cheriton

Mr Simon Ford was co-opted on to the Council as the new Councillor for North Cheriton.

(Paper 19.12.16 – 16.136) The Vice Chairman welcomed him on to the Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and a Register of Interests form issued for completion. A New Councillors pack was also issued containing the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and New Councillors Guide.

16.137 Roads and Signage Working Group

The first meeting of this working group will take place on Friday 20th January at 7.30pm.

16.138 Review of Action List

16.139 Correspondence

16.139.1 Letter from Jacqueline Cloake regarding the possibility of a Pedestrian Path into Wincanton from Anchor Hill as part of planning approval for Hopkins Cement Plant.

This was unanimously agreed as a good idea by the Council especially given the governments policy regarding Health and Wellbeing and getting everyone out of their cars and exercising.

The Clerk was asked to discuss the possibility further with the Wincanton Town Council and follow up with a formal letter.

16.139.2 Letter with SID dates for 2017 – B3145 weeks commencing 5th June and 27th November, entrance to Holton weeks commencing 22nd May and 13th November.

16.139.3 Telephone call regarding subsidence in the cemetery following heavy rain last month. Who should deal with this?

No one within the Council was sure about this so the Clerk is to make further enquiries.

16.139.4 Request to make a grant towards the work of the Citizens Advice South Somerset in our area. Also enclosed a flyer advertising for volunteers.

It was agreed that we should make a donation of £100 towards this excellent service.

16.139.5 Consultation on a proposed new Public Space Protection Order for public land across South Somerset.

It was agreed that these were still relevant and the Clerk is to respond accordingly.

16.139.6 Received leaflets regarding print services provided by South Somerset District Council at very good rates.

16.139.7 Appeal for donation and volunteers to help the Somerset Community Justice Partnership.

No donation is to be made at this time.

16.140 Appointment of new internal auditor

Quotes have been received from 3 internal auditors for your consideration -

Darkin Miller – Paper 19.12.16 – 16.140a

IAC – Paper 19.12.16 – 16.140b

Lightatouch Internal Audit Services – Paper 19.12.16 – 16.140c

Having reviewed the quotes the Council agreed to appoint Lightatouch Internal Audit Services as our new internal auditors.

16.141 Approve the job specification for Cemetery maintenance

To approve the job specification for maintenance of the cemetery over the coming financial year in order that we can obtain quotes. (Paper to follow)

This has been deferred until the January meeting.

16.142 Financial Matters

16.142.1 Account Review – no bank statement received for the current month to date.

16.142.2 Budget for 2017/18

The Council agreed to adopt the budget for the next financial year see Paper 19.12.16 – 16.142.2a and b.

16.142.3 Precept for 2017 – It was agreed to keep the precept the same as last year.

16.142.4 Authorise Cheques

£10 for hire of Village Hall for tonight's meeting

£6.75 for Clerks expenses

£234.78 Clerks Pay

£4.50 Papertrees

16.143 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.30pm in North Cheriton Village Hall.

Mrs Elizabeth Persson

Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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