

Donhead St Andrew Parish Council

Minutes of Interim Meeting - Friday 8th July 2016

6:30pm o/s Oakfield House, New Road, Donhead St Andrew, SP7 9ER

2016.07.01 Present: M. Cullimore (Chairman), J. Barton, Miss B Miller, Ms P. Maxwell-Arnot, S. Pyke, M. York.
Also in attendance: 2 residents; Mrs S. Harry (Clerk).
Apologies received and accepted: W.Cnllr T. Deane; S Luck (Vice-Chairman), Lady Cooper, Mrs F. Smart,

2016.07.02 Declarations of Interest - none.

2016.07.03 **Public Participation and Presentations** - Questions and/or statements

- a. A resident spoke to highlight the ambiguity of the change in description of the application that did not fully detail the area of land to which the change of use applied; also that the potential change of use created a precedent for a change to residential use of various pockets of land in the village. Concern was also expressed regarding the wider visual impact on the landscape.
- b. A second resident highlighted that the existing tennis courts (6) in the village resulted from a previous era with respect to the Core Strategy that indicated that leisure use was not to take precedent over other uses.

PLANNING MATTERS

2016.07.04 **Applications:**

16/04798/ful (amended) - proposed new tennis court and change of use of land to south and east of Oakfield House from agricultural to residential use - Oakfield House, New Road, Donhead St Andrew, SP7 9ER
Each councillor spoke in turn, raising the following points:

- a. The tennis court was sited on a previous piggery that was changed to a garden many years ago.
- b. The current area of paddock will be seriously depleted.
- c. A change of designation to residential land would allow building of a house/outbuildings for future owners.
- d. There is no reference in documents available on the website to the change of use amendment by way of a revised planning notice or explanation from the applicant.
- e. It was noted that the mowing of grass and erection of fencing did not change an area of land from agricultural to residential.

At this point, P. Cnllrs resolved to object to the change of use of the land from agricultural to residential on the basis of not wanting to create a precedent and ambiguity with respect to the actual area being considered.
Proposed MissBM / seconded MissPMA / 4 in favour with 2 abstentions

P. Cnllrs further discussed the possibility of the change of use being approved by Planning Officers, in which case the following points were raised; again all P. Cnllrs spoke in turn:

- f. there should be no lighting or ancillary structures allowed now or at any time in the future.

g. details of the planting, fence and surface should be as submitted previously by the architect.

h. Again, views were expressed that a tennis court should not be permitted and also that fencing /mown grass did not constitute a change of use to residential.

P. Cnllrs then further resolved that the restrictions highlighted should be conditions on the application if Planning Officers were of a mind to approve.

Proposed MY / seconded SP / unanimous

P. Cnllrs also wished that the Development Control Manager be approached to clarify the position with respect to change of use applications where not submitted separately to construction projects.

2016.07.05 **Date and time of next meetings** - all in the Henrietta Barnett Field Centre

Full meetings - Friday 15th July 2016; Friday 16th September 2016; 18th November 2016

Planning/consultation meetings as advised

Notes

Planning applications are routinely available for public inspection on-line at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or to the rear of the Church.