

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Edingley Village Hall and on Teams on Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 7.30pm

Apologies

Mr Subramanian, Cllrs Brock, Harris and Laughton

Present

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mr Bevans, Mrs Godfrey, clerk Mr Rickett, FO Mrs Rickett
Cllr Rainbow
12 members of the public

Minutes of the previous meeting will be read out at the next full meeting

Single item agenda – planning

Declaration of Councillors interests

Mrs Godfrey

Planning

Green Acres Radley Road
Lawful development certificate to continue the existing use of the outbuildings for ancillary residential purposes
Do not support the application – 6 for
Not in a position to support due to lack of information and confusion over the wording

Pepperbox Cottage, School Lane
Request for confirmation of discharge of conditions 03,04, and 05 attached to planning permission 20/00311/FUL
Unanimous 5 for 1 abstention

Mrs Godfrey left the meeting

Land at Evergreen Barn , School Lane
Residential development (6 dwellings) and provision of off-street parking and drop off/collection arrangement for sole benefit of Halam C of E School

18 letters of objection received by the Parish Council

Mr Nick Beasley the planning consultant spoke on behalf of Mr & Mrs Godfrey
To remove staff parking from the road, the car park only holds 3 cars
There had been discussions with Halam head teacher and MITRE (local schools department), this would give a safe drop off and pick up zone
It is small scale family housing, with the parking gifted to the school, it will be a private drive
School numbers are struggling
Not out of character, standard cul de sac
Drainage system sustainable - permeable drainage

Public comments and questions were

How much interaction with the school – reply with the head teacher setting out the proposal, to assist parking, it could be changed if not satisfactory, the gate would be locked and manned by staff

Previous applications have been turned down, why was this not done sooner

CIL levy, benefit for safety of the School, they would hesitate to turn it down, has been 17 years ongoing and there is no land at the school

Replies – congestion on School Lane, will not increase too much. Significantly improve safety. CIL will go to NSDC and Halam PC will get a portion. The School has no land and no budget to prioritise this

Can a section 106 be put in place to make sure work is done as stated

Why will 6 houses make the school more sustainable

If the football field is moved this will enlarge parking

New housing does not equate to pupils

Mr Paris read out a letter from the governors – the School has a slight disconnect with the with the Minster School. At a governors meeting 2 weeks ago it was agreed that there were some benefits, staff parking and possibly more pupils. They do not see that it will alleviate parent parking, traffic will back up on the Turnpike and there will be extra traffic on School Lane. There will be 2 more junctions for children to cross, the cut through has no pavement. Extra staff will be needed for the gate and how to stop parents parking in staff spaces. They do not think it is right for the School to go against the wishes of the village, so will sit on the fence

Parish Councillors comments

The gates are already locked at the School this will mean more to be checked on. Extra traffic on School Lane, is the School full? Opens up back fill

Councillor thanked people for their letters highlighting the problems, flooding, backfill, designs quite interesting all large, more small houses needed. Some of the PC had a meeting with NCC Highways, they were limited to what they could do with The Turnpike/School Lane junction. 6 houses could = 12 cars and deliveries at the Village entrance, dangerous for children crossing

Design complementary in keeping, there is no precedent on back fill on Greenland. Will not ease congestion on School Lane. Dropping off/picking up will be safer for those that use it

Scheme well thought out, good design, some benefit to the school. 18 letters of objection to Halam PC is unprecedented

The chairman concluded that – if the public think the application will change the aspect of the village we need to support them, regardless of our personal opinion

Rejected unanimously 5 for

Agreed to pay the hire bill for Edingley Hall - £25 agreed unanimously

Date of next meeting - Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.30pm should be at Halam Village Hall

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm