

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 1st February 2018

Present: Cllrs T King (In the Chair); A Allum; R Turner; J Collins

Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

1. Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – no declarations received
2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Galton
3. Declarations: (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda -none
(ii) Declarations of Lobbying – Cllr Allum had received a letter from Dean Cutbull
4. Planning Applications:

Application No: 18/500097/FULL Land at the rear of Little Willows, Eastwood Road, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent ME17 1ET - Retrospective application for change of use of land for the keeping of horses(existing) and use as a residential caravan site for 4 Gypsy families each with two caravans (no more than two per family) together with laying of hardstanding and erection of replacement stables

Public session – 43 members of the public were in attendance. Several attendees spoke, all against the application. The main issues raised by the public were that the proposal was not consistent with the local plan and the impact on the local community and services of the increasing number of people from the Gypsy and Traveller community in the area. There was also concern that those with land bordering the proposed development had not been notified about the application by MBC.

Councillors resolved unanimously to send a response to Maidstone Borough Council objecting to the planning application and convey the concerns of the public attending the meeting. This response will be placed on the Council's website.

6. Further Information – there were no items of information reported to the meeting

The Meeting closed at 7.35pm