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Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call Facilities on Monday 5th October 2020 at 7:30pm

Public Question Time

There were 8 members of the public virtually in attendance during the Zoom meeting.

Immediately prior to the meeting members of the public were provided with the opportunity to speak. Members of the public were asked speak for up to the prescribed 15 minutes in total in the order in which they requested the Password to access this meeting by remote attendance (Zoom). 1no. member of public spoke about:

- the impact on the village, traffic and safety issues and the opportunity for the PC to demonstrate support of public comments.

Present: Chairman Simon Thornewill, together with Councillors Sue Gettings, Dan Hewlett, Kathy Grainger, John Brendon, Bryan Norman and Jude Coggins

Also Present: County and District Councillor Mike Lewis and Parish Clerk and RFO Stephen Hill and 8 members of the public joined the meeting.

01/10 Apologies for absence: No apologies were received.

02/10 Declarations of interest: Councillor Gettings declared a personal interest regarding her role with the Memorial Hall.

03/10 Planning Application

Council considered the following application and decided upon its report recommendations to South Somerset District Council (SSDC) which is the Local Planning Authority (LPA):

20/01117/FUL: Land East Of Jalna High Street Queen Camel Yeovil Somerset.

Proposed change of use of land from agricultural and erection of two dwellings with garages, access and landscape planting.

<https://publicaccess.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=Q8XK4SOWIA300&activeTab=summary>

Councillor Michael Baker joined the meeting (19:38).

The change from 4 to 3 bedrooms was noted; that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is now given significant weight in planning decisions; that the NP includes a definition of infill development. The Chairman read a letter received by the PC dated 5 October 2020 from Greenslade Taylor Hunt (Taunton) the Agent.

Councillor Brian Hewlett joined the meeting (19:46).

It was highlighted that the land is not Allocated in the NP nor a Rural Exception Site (Affordable Housing); that 131 objections have been recorded by SSDC; the narrow access road and highway safety concerns; and access to the field beyond. Councillors suggested that the NP target would be met without this development; that the narrow access road is privately owned; that assertions about not developing beyond the site are not legally binding; and concern about users of the Memorial Hall. Members heard that many people have informally supported the Application; the need to maintain the village as "rural"; objectors being local to the development; and


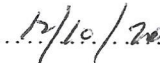
that SSDC will make the Decision with the PC making a recommendation only. The Chairman referred to the Good Councillor Guide; personal preferences and voting to represent the community; and that the previous stated five reasons of concerns should be reiterated along with any recommendation:

1. The access road to the two sites is narrow for the anticipated traffic and we were unsure if the access statement had taken into consideration the boundary limit of the village hall marked by metal studs in the road. Also we were unsure if there are vehicular rights of way on the access road.
2. There is concern for the safety of old and young approaching/leaving the village hall with the increase in traffic on the access road.
3. There is a field access to the back of The Pottery which needs to be preserved so that the owner can continue to access materials for his business.
4. There was concern about the proposed appearance of the two houses. We would wish to see both clad with local stone.
5. Due to the Public Footpath, we would wish to see a pedestrian access rather than just the five bar gate shown on the plan.

It was RESOLVED 5-4-0 (support, object, abstain) to Support the Application, noting five concerns.

Meeting ended 20:15.

Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th October 2020. All items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Friday 2nd October 2020.

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