



Ashington Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes of Ashington Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2016 @ 7:30pm in Sports Pavilion, Church Lane

Present: Councillors: J Stillwell (Chair), T Currell, L di Castiglione, N Spiers, K Wood

Parish Clerk: C Price

Members of the public: 4

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies received from: S Cox, T Kearney, M Woolley

Public Adjournment

No comments

Planning applications

DC/16/1895 Spear Hill House, Spear Hill

Outline permission for 1 x 2 bedroom dwelling

The plans were discussed and all agreed that the Parish Council Object to the application as the site lies outside the BUAB and is quite some distance from it. The site is not in a sustainable location - the application refers to a footpath link to the village, however, this is a muddy path that is constantly overgrown with vegetation. It is used by only the hardiest of dog walkers wearing the stoutest of shoes. The route is not lit and is very isolated and therefore personal safety issues should be considered. The alternative walking route (Spear Hill and along Billingshurst Road) is dangerous as there is no footpath and traffic volumes/speeds are high. Future occupiers of the property proposed would be entirely reliant on private cars to access the village and are unlikely to use public transport at all. Ashington is a medium sized village with limited services and facilities - not 'a substantial village with a wide range of services and good public transport links'. Ashington caters for day to day needs of residents but it does not have many of the services/facilities that residents need e.g. doctors, dentists, variety of shops to name a few. Residents are reliant on larger villages/towns e.g. Storrington, Steyning, Horsham & Worthing for the majority of their needs. Public transport to these large settlements is sporadic thus re-inforcing the need for private cars.

Ashington Parish Council has begun preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan and a 'Call for Sites' was started in May 2016 and the deadline for submissions is 30th September 2016. This site has not been submitted to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for consideration.

In light of the fact that: the site is not allocated in the HDPF; lies well outside (not even adjacent to) the BUAB; is in an unsustainable location; has not been submitted for consideration to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and HDC have demonstrated they

can achieve their 5 year Housing Land Supply target the Parish Council object to the application.

DC/16/1922 Park Cottage, Park Lane

Two storey extension to existing dwelling, new garage with garden office/recreation room over together with associated external works

The plans were reviewed and discussed. There were no objections.

DC/16/1992 15 Linfield Lane

Application to fell 1 x Lime Tree (TPO)

Following discussion and whilst not a statutory consultee the Parish Council Object to the felling of this healthy tree. Too many of the trees in this area have been removed without replacement. These trees have an impact on distant views from Warmingshurst and removal will have a detrimental effect.

The meeting finished at 7:45pm

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