



Ashington Parish Council

Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes of Ashington Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th December 2014

Present: Councillors M Woolley, K Wood, J Gichovi-Elias, D. Harbour, B Norton & T Kearney

Parish Clerk: K Dare

Members of the public: 0

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Kearney declared personal, prejudicial interest in planning application DC/14/2466 as the applicant is a personal friend.

Apologies received from: Councillor N Carver (personal)

Public Adjournment

No comments.

Planning applications

DC/14/2444 Erection of 4 new dwellings following approval for 3 new dwellings DC/14/1058 – Four Acres, Rectory Lane

The Parish Council objects on the grounds of:

1. Overdevelopment of the site – the 4 homes will look like a terrace in what is essentially an area of bungalows and the design is not sympathetic to the street scene.
2. Insufficient parking provision – only 6 spaces are proposed for the 4 properties. It is inevitable that on-street parking will occur and as these properties are at the junction of Rectory Lane and Rectory Close it is likely that parking will cause visibility and other highway safety problems at the junction.
3. The homes are tiny with rooms so small as to be very cramped and impractical. This is poor design.
4. The loss of a bungalow goes against the Housing Needs Survey which identified a need for more bungalows, not less.
5. Many trees are proposed to be removed, reducing local amenity value
6. No provision for affordable homes

DC/14/2599 Fell 1 x Ash tree (Tree Preservation Order) – 5 Chanctonbury

The Council has no objections but would prefer to see the tree trunk left in place as it is covered with ivy and a habitat for wildlife.

DC/14/2666 Fell 6x trees in Group G1 and Fell 9x trees in Group G2 and fell 1x Ash tree (T1) - Welbourne Well House Road

The Council has no objections if the advice of Will Jones is followed.

Cllr Kearney left the room at this point and did not return to the meeting.

DC/14/2466 Proposed installation of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array consisting of 40 solar panels – Broadbridge Farm, Hole Street

The Council has no objections to the application but does have some concerns:

1. The panels will be clearly visible from views along nearby public footpaths, public roads (including the A24 and Hole Street) and the SDNP. The site is prominent near the top of a hill and the panels cannot be screened by vegetation eg hedgerows.
2. The panels are 2.6m high at the rear and will be an eyesore and could potentially block southerly views from the nearby houses and public footpath.
3. 40 panels seems a lot for a single domestic property. Is this development to serve one property or is it a commercial solar farm?
4. No switchgear sheds are shown on the plans – are these to be installed at the house or adjacent to the panels?

Amendments None

Correspondence None

Meeting finished at 8.00pm

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