



Ashington Parish Council

Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes of Ashington Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th August 2015

Present: Councillors M Woolley, T Kearney, K Wood, J Stillwell

Members of the public: 5

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies received from: Councillor S Cox & Parish Clerk K Dare (both personal).

Minutes taken by M. Woolley

Public Adjournment

A member of the public spoke in relation to item 3 on the agenda (DC/15/1696), in terms of the adverse impact that a change of use to B1 or B2 would have on the bridleway and the homes close to the site, especially from increased heavy vehicular movements.

A member of the public asked if the possibility of housing development along Rectory Lane would be discussed at the meeting. The Chairman advised that this topic was not on the agenda, and that as far as the Parish Council were aware, no new planning applications had been submitted recently.

Planning applications

DC/15/1593 Extension of existing residential accommodation into redundant storage area by way of forming replacement living/dining/kitchen area (Listed Building Consent) – Jinkes Farm, Muttons Lane

This appears to be exactly the same as application DC/15/1595 and it was agreed that the Council's comments remain valid namely:

No objections, not to be used as separate residence.

DC/15/1446 Extend existing house – Batts Farm, Billingshurst Road.

The applicant has confirmed that this is exactly the same application as DC/15/1239 and it was agreed that the Council's comments remain valid namely:

No objections, not to be used as separate residence.

DC/15/1696 Change of use from B8 (storage & distribution) to a flexible use under B1, B2 and B8.

B1, and especially B2, are far reaching in terms of potential use for the site in question.

Given the site is not on an existing industrial site, is outside the BUAB, and in the countryside, Councillors felt that it would be inappropriate to grant such open and wide ranging uses for this site.

The access and existing road were felt to be inadequate for the B1 and B2 uses proposed.

The impact on an existing bridleway, the potential increase in vehicular traffic, especially lorries and HGVs, and the associated noise and pollution from industrial use, were felt to be likely to have an adverse impact so close to a residential area, and on the countryside and the village at large.

Councillors were mindful of the potential for some employment benefits, but felt that this was more than outweighed by the potential harm to the village. Councillors therefore agreed to object to the application.

Amendments

None

Correspondence

None

Meeting finished at 7.55pm

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