



Ashington Parish Council

Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes of Ashington Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19th September 2012

Present: Councillors B Norton, M Woolley, J Stillwell, N Carver, T Kearney & K Wood

Parish Clerk K Dare

Members of the public: 0

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies received from: Councillor D. Harbour

Public Adjournment

None present

Planning applications

DC/12/1686 New two bedroom dwelling on land to the east of 1 Hillcrest Close – 1 Hillcrest Close.

The Parish Council acknowledges that the applicant has reduced the size of the proposed dwelling and increased the parking provision, however, the Council still objects to the application, on the following grounds:

1. as a category 2 development the PC does not support individual infill applications for market priced housing, preferring planned growth on suitable small sites.
2. the issue of the local need for housing raised in the application cannot be assessed until after the results of the 2012 Housing Needs Survey are discussed with HDC and strategic plans put in place to address any housing need
3. the application would result in overdevelopment both of the site and Hillcrest Close
4. there are still a number of Highways issues that the application raises both in terms of access for residents and deliveries, and parking, and visibility at junctions
5. the latest Govt. planning guidelines state that "*playing fields and gardens will be protected from development*"

DC/12/1675 Proposed first floor extension above existing structure – Prospect Cottage, Rectory Lane.

The Parish Council have no objections.

DC/12/1729 Replace 10 fence panels and two gates to improve setting for property by replacing old and varied fencing with one style and replace open style gate for added security for the rear of the property - The Willows London

Road
The Parish Council have no objections.

Amendments

None

Correspondence

Sketch drawings of a proposed layout of houses has been provided for Penn Retreat.

Cllr Woolley explained that these comprised 6 x 3 bed + 3 x 2 bed market homes, 1 x 1 bed (2 person) + 2 x 2 bed (3 person) + 2 x 2 bed (4 person) affordable homes making 9 market and 6 affordable homes in total.

Councillors supported the proposal to use the site for mixed affordable-market housing and had no major concerns about the proposed layout of the site and design of homes and were pleased to see that access from Rectory Lane was being proposed. Councillors did have some were concerns about the number of bedrooms in the affordable homes and whether this fits with the need for single person and couples without children homes that the HNS 2012 has highlighted.

Meeting finished at 7.30pm

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