



# Ashington Parish Council

## Planning Committee Meeting

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Minutes of Ashington Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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

Members of the public: 0

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies received from: Councillors J Gichovi-Elias & D. Harbour (personal) & Parish Clerk K Dare (holiday)

### **Public Adjournment**

None present

### **Planning applications**

DC/14/1659 Surgery to 5 x oak trees – Woods Cottage, Muttons Lane

The Parish Council has no objections.

DC/14/1420 Proposed new service area (24 hour) development comprising of petrol filling station (sui generis use) and ancillary shop (A1 use), forecourt canopy, 5 no. pump islands, automatic car wash and associated service facilities (ATM, air/water point, jet wash etc) Restaurant with Drive-Thru facility (A3 and A5 uses) and associated sewage treatment plant -

Land South East of Martins Farm London Road Ashington West Sussex

The planning application paperwork had not yet been received from HDC so Councillors used information from HDC's website.

Councillors recommend the following response be approved by the full Council on 4<sup>th</sup> September:

The Parish Council support, in principle, the development of the garage; which is a priority in the CAP and therefore has resident support and also support the shop which would add to the village's facilities. There is no concern about competition adversely affecting the Co-op, and that in any case this should not be a planning issue. There are some concerns over the restaurant as it would have very little amenity benefit for the village; however the employment opportunity that it would bring is welcomed. There is no concern about the loss of the country store from the previous application as there are several in the wider area. The Parish Council welcome the loss of the fuel store from the previous application as this is a residential area. The Parish Council is pleased that this is a low level (single storey) development (as opposed to last application).

However, the Parish Council object to the proposed 24/7 opening hours as the site is in a residential area and noise/disturbance will affect the amenity of residents.

Reference is made in the application to previous approval of unlimited opening, but in the quoted reference to DC/04/1586 there is no mention of unlimited opening, and indeed it refers to lights being used only during opening hours (suggesting there would be closed hours). The previous planning permission (DC/11/2648) was very specific about acceptable opening hours for a facility in this location.

It is felt that the template from BP in Findon and/or Esso in Storrington, as sites in residential areas with opening hours of 06 00 to 23 00, could be appropriate.

In summary, the Council would like to see the proposed hours of operation reduced to reflect the residential nature of the area and therefore OBJECT to the application.

**Amendments** None

**Correspondence**

Meeting finished at 8.00pm

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