

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

13TH OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT Councillor J Cornell (Chairman)
Councillors J Chambers, J Densem, E Dickenson, T Gill and P Grant

IN ATTENDANCE 3 Residents

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any interests which they had in any item on the Agenda. No declarations were made.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 8th September 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Application 16/4579N- Land to the rear of 12 Cemetery Road, Weston

Resubmission of application for the creation of hardstanding area around existing stable block for the use of horsebox/trailers and storage of equine equipment

RESOLVED: That the following observations be made:-

The Planning Inspector's comments are noted in relation to the recent appeal (reference APP/R0660/W/16/314611) which was dismissed on the grounds of a lack of ecological/protective species survey.

Notwithstanding this, the Council remains most unhappy about this proposal.

The site, which forms part of a larger area owned by the applicant, is currently unsightly (contains waste materials), unmanaged and generally in a very poor condition. The fencing around the land owned by the applicant is totally inadequate. The existing stable block abutting the site is unused and appears semi derelict.

It is the Parish Council's opinion and that of local residents that all of this gives little confidence and begs the question as to how the overall site will be used and managed.

It is noted that the Habitat Survey states that there is no pond within 500 metres of the site. There is in fact a pond within 150metres – wild habitat area off Main Road Weston.

The Parish Council strongly agrees with the Forestry/Landscape Officer that the proposed area of hardstanding is considered excessive in relation to the scale of the existing buildings abutting the site. Also, that should the proposal be considered acceptable, further information is required to demonstrate the need for the extent of the hardstanding including the numbers of vehicles and the type of equipment to be stored. Local residents are also extremely concerned about the lack of facilities to wash down vehicles and remove any contaminants from the proposed hardstanding area.

The Parish Council also requests that the applicant be asked to produce an overall scheme for the land which he owns and that the description of the use applied for be made specific to ensure that any infringements can be effectively enforced, should the Local Planning Authority be minded to approve this application.

CHAIRMAN