

OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Friday 14th March 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Chapel School Room, Oldbury

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr B Turner - Chair, Mr K Sullivan, Mr M Riddle and Mrs Hales. **Public:** 0 Parishioners

656/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Poole, Knapp & Baker.

657/14 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

658/14 Public Forum

None

659/14 Planning

Planning Applications – Noted with No Comments Made

PT14/0637/NMA - The Ship Inn, Camp Road .Non-material amendment to PT12/4059/F to change proposed render to Western Red Cedar to first floor extension of main building.

Council Response: Prior to the meeting an unexpected notification that the application had received consent had been advised from South Gloucestershire Council. As a result of this the proposal was not discussed as intended .However, the circumstances surrounding the decision to permit raise a number of questions. The Statement of Community Involvement does not include NMA applications in the Planning section. Who decides what is a non-material amendment was not clear and in this case the use of non-traditional materials contrary to the Landscape Character Assessment begs the question whether a NMA application should have been allowed. However, as the decision has been made and communicated to the applicant it was decided to raise this issue when the Parish Council comment on the ‘refreshed statement of community involvement’(See Item 661/14 of these notes)

660/14 To Discuss the Policies Sites and Places Plan Questionnaire and feedback to SGC

It was agreed that the interpretation that South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) had put on the responses made by the Parish Council so far in the consultation was broadly correct. It was unanimously agreed to confirm to SGC that the Parish Council is satisfied with the SGC summary.

Information received from SGC on 12th March advised that the Strategic Planning Policy Advice Team were now seeking a meeting with Parish Council representatives to discuss the particular issues affecting the Parish. It was agreed that the process was getting to the point where some important decisions could possibly be made and that more Councillor resources should be employed for the impending discussions. Arrangements to meet with SGC are ongoing.

661/14 To Discuss the SGC Statement of Community Involvement Consultation (SCI) response.

The South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) intention to refresh the SCI to reflect changes in legislation and advances in technology was welcomed. It was unanimously agreed to respond to the request for comments SGC have circulated. Development is more than just about housing and the need to consult on renewable infrastructure and the potential Nuclear New Build should be specifically covered. The full scope of planning applications (all categories) including NMA, PNC, SCO, etc. should be communicated; technology makes this a relatively easy task. Siting of ‘permitted development’ infrastructure should also be communicated.

Concern was expressed regarding the increasing reliance on the internet for communication given the poor (and in some areas non-existent) broadband speeds. This weak link needs to be addressed by SGC as it sub-optimises the benefits which could accrue from the wider use of technology. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should look at ways and means of improving communication by use of technology.

662/14 Minor Matters or Items for Next Agenda

There was a brief discussion regarding the siting of the 20 mph signs with a general acceptance that these needed to be sited to protect children walking to school as well as the public in general. The consensus was that Church Road should be covered by the 20 mph speed restriction and maybe even further afield. It was also felt that Cowhill should come under the 30 mph umbrella. This subject will be debated further.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 8.30 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th May 2014

Signed by Chairman

6th May 2014