

OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013 at 6.30 pm in the Chapel School Room, Oldbury

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr B Turner - Chairman, Mr K Sullivan, Mr A. Knapp & Mr G Poole.

Public: 0 Parishioners

590/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hales and Cllr Riddle. Cllr Baker is on holiday and was unaware of the meeting.

591/13 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

592/13 Public Forum

None

593/13 Planning

Planning Applications – Discussed

PT13/3101/F - Land West of Pound Mill Business Centre, Lower Morton, Thornbury - Change of use from paddocks and agricultural to the siting of 12 no. caravan pitches for showmen's permanent quarters with associated works. Creation of new vehicular access from Oldbury Lane.

Council Response:

The application was discussed at some length and it was proposed by Cllr Poole, seconded by Cllr Sullivan and resolved to respond to the application as follows:-

Oldbury on Severn Parish Council OBJECT to application PT13/3101/F, Change of use from paddocks and agricultural to the siting of 12 no. caravan pitches for showmen's permanent quarters with associated works. Creation of new vehicular access from Oldbury Lane, Land West of Pound Mill Business Centre, Lower Morton, Thornbury, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, BS35 1LD for the following reasons:

The site is not in the Parish of Oldbury on Severn but Oldbury Parishioners use Oldbury Lane extensively when going about their normal business and domestic activities. It is known to be a fast and somewhat dangerous road particularly at this location and featured as one of the significant concerns when the information gathered to produce the Oldbury on Severn Parish Plan was analysed. This can be further evidenced by the fatal collision which occurred within yards of the proposed access on to Oldbury Lane in August 2009.

More recently there have been at least two further traffic accident incidents of a serious nature at the location.

We also view with concern the probability that should an access be permitted, traffic from the Pound Mill Farm Business Centre would also use it increasing further the inevitable traffic hazards which would be generated.

The Highways Statement submitted with the application does nothing to convince the Parish Council that this proposal will mitigate the Road Traffic Hazards.

This is not the first time a proposal has come forward involving access on to Oldbury Lane and road traffic safety. In 2006 an application PT06/0139/F was considered and refused, this was subsequently appealed, the reasons for refusal were upheld and the appeal dismissed. In 2008 Application PT08/0128/F was considered and refused. An appeal against the refusal was heard in October 2008 and dismissed.

In giving his reasons the Planning Inspector placed significant evidence on the effect the proposed access road would have. He concluded *"I have taken into account all other comments made in support of the proposal. However none of those, or what would be positive aspects of the scheme such as that in relation to the living conditions of many of the sites close neighbours with regard to traffic, outweigh the harmful effect that the track and its use would have on the character and appearance of the area. This is the prevailing consideration and so the appeal does not succeed"*

The fundamental reasons for refusal despite the appeal process are as valid now as they were then

We wish that the Development Control Councillors are made aware of the foregoing when consideration is being given to this application and suggest the application should be refused.

594/13 Minor Matters or Items for Next Agenda

None

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 7.00 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th November 2013

Signed by Chairman

5th November 2013