

Parish Council of Coleford

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Foxcote
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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd August 2017

Present

Cllr P Ham, (Chairman)
Cllr Townsend, Conn, Turner, Littlechild, Pearce, Evans, March and Talbot

There were 2 members of the public present

Public Forum

Cllr Littlechild noted that the young people involved in the woodlands off Mendip Vale had been very happy with the opportunities for them. He had been asked to assist with supervision. Cllr Turner commented that the clear up of the woods was very welcome.

Cllr Conn had been asked about the safety of the wall by the Hub. Cllr Ham said he planned to chase County this week.

Cllr Turner noted the new Dog restriction sign at Highbury Playing Field and asked if this was in conflict with the Dog Show on Village Day. Cllrs agreed this was permissible for one day as an exception.

Cllr Ham commented that the Flower Show the previous Sunday had been a great success.

Mr and Mrs Hoskins wished to make the following comments about Application ref 2017/2091, Ash Farm:-

- 1) The application claimed that this had been an industrial site in the past and traffic had not been a problem – the past was many decades ago when traffic conditions were vastly different. The entry/ exit did not have a proper visibility splay.
- 2) Somerset Highways had objected to similar developments in the past
- 3) There are already two business parks close by
- 4) If the farm were properly used it was quite capable of providing an income
- 5) There would be a danger to passing school buses
- 6) Was a Change of Use valid for a new building?
- 7) There was a query as to whether any cattle were on this site, or only on the quarantine unit next door.

1 Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)

Cllrs Banks, Neesam and Gurd sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting

There were none.

3 Planning applications

3.1 2017/2091/FUL - Change of use from Cattle Yard to Industrial Units. Ash Farm, Charlton Road, Holcombe, Shepton Mallet, Radstock

The application papers had been picked up that day for the meeting by Cllr Townsend. Cllr Ham asked Cllrs to note that this was one of a series of possibly three applications for this site. It will also be considered by Holcombe Parish Council. All Councillors then considered the abovementioned application. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Conn and seconded by Cllr Evans that Refusal should be Recommended for the following reasons

- The scale of the development
- The location in the open country
- Highway safety
- There are already sufficient units close by
- Concern over Environmental issues, eg waste
- The uncertainty over the expected additional applications

Voting FOR 7 , AGAINST Nil, ABSTENTIONS 2 (District Councillors)

3.2 2017/2131/HSE - Single storey rear extension with apex roof. 3 Careys Mead Coleford Radstock Somerset BA3 5NR

All Councillors had considered the abovementioned application. After consideration a Recommendation to Accept was proposed by Cllr Littlechild which was seconded by Cllr Turner

Voting FOR 7 , AGAINST Nil, ABSTENTIONS 2 (District Councillors)

4 Matter of urgency

Cllr Ham asked Cllrs to note that application ref 2017/2061, relating to the Garden Store at 2 Hillside, had been published too late to be included on this Agenda. An extension to the response date had been requested to enable consideration at the 13th September meeting. It was noted that the Council were investigating the exact position of this Garden Store in relation to the boundary with the Council-owned playing field. This is a civil rather than a planning issue.

5 Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 13th September 2017 Parish Council Meeting

The meeting ended at 20-20 hrs