

Broadmore Green water issues

Cllr Grove and myself have had updated response from LLFA.

We are both disappointed and are trying to get visibility of a report of exploratory work which took place in Mid Sept.

Bransford Road development

Currently there is a lot of anxiety in the village concerning the Bransford Road development.

The latest is Greenlight are saying that the meetings on 31 Oct, with AT GS JS, and on 3 Nov, with RPC, were public consultation.

There were no invites to the public, the agenda for 3 Nov clearly listed it was a briefing to the Parish Council.

Greenlight could well express their view to MHDC and it be subsequently listed on the website for the planning application.

Would you please clarify this matter with MHDC planning department.

It is important that communications are good, clear and timely.

To this end the Parish Council agendas sometimes appear in noticeboards only 2 or 3 days prior to the meetings.

Could we please have notices posted at least a week ahead.

With the level of public interest it is important that parishioners have the opportunity to see details of the planning submission, other than via the Malvern Hills website. Greenlight are not disposed to stage this but have indicated they are willing to supply artwork/posters etc.

Would RPC please stage an afternoon and early evening exhibition close to the time of submission so that people are informed when they respond to MHDC '3 week' request for comments.

Statement for Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 9th November 2016 - Greenlight

With regards to the up-coming Planning Application for land off Bransford Road I would like to inform the Parish Council that I feel that Greenlight Development have mis-represented meetings that were held in Rushwick last week.

On Monday 7th November 2016 Matt Gallagher of Greenlight Development said that they felt they had carried out all the necessary public consultation in Rushwick before the Planning Application. He has informed the Planning Department that they have carried out meetings with local residents and held a Parish Council briefing to which members of the public were invited. As only 10 members of the public were in attendance they have deemed that the public interest in Rushwick is low. He also said that they had already sent a consultation leaflet to the Residents as part of the outline planning application.

1. There has been no meeting with 'Local Residents'. They have had a meeting with 3 local residents, myself, John Scott and Gordon Smith and we purely discussed the development in proximity to our own properties with us giving our own personal views.
2. The Parish Council Planning Meeting in question was not advertised with 7 clear days notice. I had a copy put through my letterbox on the evening of Thursday 27th September 2016 and I did email a few of my village contacts to try and spread the word, but not until the following evening so I would disagree that all Residents had been invited to the meeting (as Matt Gallagher said) and in a timely manner. I would also disagree that this was a clear invitation to the public to attend a question and answer session with Greenlight Development (as Matt Gallagher seemed to imply). The notice stated 'To receive a briefing from Greenlight Developments re Land off Bransford Road, between Rushwick Village Hall and Broadmore Green, pre-submission of related detailing planning application' but it was obvious from the fact that Public Question Time was at the start of the meeting that the public were not able to comment on or question the briefing from Greenlight, this was just for the Parish Council.
3. Considering the 'consultation leaflet' – they have added in another 14 houses and have totally changed the layout, so how could that still be considered relevant.

I appreciate that John Scott has discussed the matter of Public Consultation with Andy Deakin and it was suggested that Greenlight Development provide plans, etc for the Parish Council to hold an open afternoon / evening session in the Village Hall so people can look at the plans and make comments. I agree that would be a very good idea and is a good way forward but does need to be as soon as the planning application is submitted so people have time to comment on the MHDC Planning website.

I do take issue with the fact that Greenlight appear to be using this Parish Council Planning Meeting as evidence of 'lack of interest' from Rushwick Residents (despite 120+ letters of complaint at Outline Planning Stage) and I would like it to be clarified in writing with both Greenlight Development and MHDC Planning Department that this had not been a general meeting at which the Residents of Rushwick had been invited en-masse to look at the plans and comment so interest at this stage is irrelevant.

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Also as this might be the last Parish Council meeting before the Detailed Planning Application is put in I would just like to raise a concern that I had after the Outline Planning Application.

I do appreciate that all the Parish Councillors are volunteers and they give up their time willingly to help on matters such as this (and that is appreciated), I also feel that big Planning Applications like can this be rather emotive and I suspect that it may have been a little difficult for Councillors in the early stages last time round. To help matters, I feel we should clarify the role of the Parish Council in a Planning Application, as we did disagree on this at outline Planning Stage.

The CPALC, Communities, Parish and Local Councils Training Guidelines clearly state that:- Planning – your personal feelings about the application or the applicant are not relevant, it is the wider public interest in respect of the Planning application that is important.

The National Association of Local Councils – Good Councillor Guide – states ‘ Councillors should represent the interests of the community they serve’.

I would like to remind you that there was a great deal of anger about the statement read out at the Planning Application Hearing on behalf of Rushwick Parish Council.

If I can refer you back to the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 24th June 2016, from the comments noted in ‘Public Time’ you would see that there was still a great deal of public concern (120+ letters opposing the Planning Application had been submitted to MHDC, the Chair of Parish Council had said this was unprecedented). This was only 5 days before the Hearing. The statement that Rushwick Parish Council had received information in writing from the developers that all of these matters have been taken into consideration and will be addressed as part of the development, so they were happy’ came as a total shock to most of us present.

I would like it to be clear where Parish Council Responsibilities lie in this matter so there can be no confusion, mis-communication and total transparency as we proceed with the Detailed Planning Application. I would like the views of the residents of Rushwick and the Parish Council as a whole to be clearly represented throughout this process.

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