

2019/15

GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the planning meeting held on Thursday October 10th 2019 at 6.30pm

1. **PRESENT** – Cllrs K Collingwood, Cllrs S Hamilton, T Pearce and A Lavell
2. **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllrs T Pearce, S Inglis and K Barnes
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared
4. **To Discuss**
 - Planning Application 19/02138 – Land off Pershore Road, Great Comberton – lengthy discussion took place and it was considered that although this application comes under Permitted Development it was considered that the buildings proposed are excessive and concerns raised over the cumulative visual impact when this is seen in conjunction with the Hayloft Plants application next door. Points made:
 - This whole area is within the immediate setting of the Cotswolds AONB and would be prominent from Bredon Hill.
 - There is a developing collection of uses in this area – Hayloft site, Four Acres, the equine establishment and Pershore College which is expanding over the horizon, and now this proposal – which together are out of character in this mainly arable landscape and more suited to the Vale of Evesham with its tradition of market gardening and horticulture.
 - the application for a dwelling on the site has been withheld at this stage. It is an established principle of any sort of environmental assessment that the whole proposal should be considered at once not split into smaller parts in an effort to make it more digestible.
 - We have also seen agricultural ties removed recently in the village and regard this application as a back door to a permanent house.

A vote was taken on whether to support or object to the application – three councillors objected and one councillor was neutral and had no preference.