

SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING & PLANNING MEETING HELD AT SUCKLEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 16th AUGUST 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr R Hill (Chairman), Cllr P Griffiths, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr J Green, Cllr C Luton
Cllr L Devenish, Cllr P Whatley

Apologies: Cllr R Hooper

In Attendance: Diana Taylor (Clerk), Dist Cllr S Rouse

Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other Disclosable Interest falling within the terms of para 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct - none declared

No requests had been received by the Clerk for any Dispensations relating to items on the Agenda (Sec 33 of the Localism Act 2011).

Two members of the public were present at the meeting.

Public Questions – **Planning** - No points raised by applicants or any member of the public

64/21 BOUNDARY COMMISSION – public questions

Dist Cllr Peter Whatley reminded the Council that boundary changes will come into force at the May 2023 elections, based on projected parish populations in 2027. The assumption is that Malvern Hills District Cllrs for the Wards will be reduced from the present figure of 38 down to 31. The target electorate for each new ward Cllr would be 2256 (up from 1629 as at present), with a margin of 10% plus or minus around this figure so the target range for a new ward, per single Cllr, would be 2030-2481 (for a two Cllr ward 4060 – 4962). Projected electorate figures for Suckley and adjoining parishes had been circulated to Cllrs together with the Independent Councillors' submission to the Boundary Commission. This proposed that six Wards were maintained in the Malvern Town area (including Newland) and 11 wards would represent the rural area. Suckley would be included in a reconstructed Leigh & Rushwick Ward i.e. the current Alfrick & Leigh Ward minus Knightwick & Doddenham, but including Rushwick. However, Knightwick may be considered as a special case to be included as it has close links with Suckley. Both Dist Cllr P Whatley and Dist Cllr S Rouse stressed that the Commission wanted to hear the views of the Parish Councils concerned, with particular emphasis on where affiliations and community links lie. After some discussion, in any submission to the Boundary Commission the Council stated a preference for two District Cllrs for the Ward area. It was felt that Suckley had more in common with Rushwick, e.g. transport links plus Suckley Church Parish was linked to Rushwick & Crown East and shared the same vicar – Revd Anne Potter. However, a number of parishioners were registered with the Knightwick GP surgery, and the Council was not averse to including Knightwick in the restructured Ward area.

65/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr P Whatley stated that as a District Councillor he would not take part in any discussions relating to planning applications.

The Council considered the following applications:-

- (a) **App No:** 21/01254/HP
Location: Tile House, Birchwood, Storridge, Malvern
Proposal: Replacement of a three bay concrete garage with a two bay oak framed garage

The Council considered this application, and the Clerk was asked to send the following comments to MHDC Planning Dept :- *“Suckley Parish Council unanimously supports this application”*

- (b) **App No:** 21/00452/FUL
Location: Tundridge Mill, Blackhouse Lane, Suckley, Worcs WR6 5DP
Proposal: Machinery & Wood Store

Description of additional information/amendment – change of description to omit change of use of land from proposal. Revised plans to relocate proposed building closer to the main property within the domestic garden and reduction to scale of building and change of materials and design.

Note from MHDC Planning: Comments only required on the additional information/amendments as described above. It was not necessary to repeat comments the Council had already made as these would be taken into account in the determination of the planning application.

The Council noted that no response had yet been received by the Clerk from MHDC Planning as to the correct Flood zone (Zone 1 or Zone 2). The applicant informed the Council that the site was in Flood Zone 2. After considering this application, the Clerk was asked to send the following comments to MHDC Planning Dept :- *“Suckley Parish Council has noted the reduction in the floor area of the building but still has some concerns as to its size for its intended use. No comments on any of the other changes.”*