

At a Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held at Whittington Village Hall on Tuesday 30th October 2012 at approx. 20:20 Hrs. following a Public Meeting.

This meeting followed a Public Meeting relating to planning application W/12/02045/PN, and further general public participation was not invited.

2012.124 Attendance.

Present: S.L. Brooker, J.E. Chamberlain, C.A. Smith.

In Attendance: P.S. Roe, Clerk; District & County Councillor R.C. Adams.

Apologies: S. MacLeod, P.J. Wood.

2012.125 Declarations of Interest and Ethical Matters.

- a. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on this Agenda.
- b. There were no declarations of Other Disclosable Interests in items on this Agenda.
- c. Ethical Matters. None

2012.126 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th October 2012 having been previously distributed were taken as read, and adopted (SLB/CS) without amendment.

2012.127 Planning.

a. New and Unresolved Planning Applications:

Application Number: W/12/02045/PN - Non-householder planning application

Proposal: Erection of 256 dwellings including a proportion of affordable housing, new vehicular access off Walkers Lane and Spetchley Road, provision of public open space including an equipped area of play and community allotments, internal estate roads and associated works

Location: Land Adjacent Kilbury Drive off, Spetchley Road, Spetchley.

Applicant: Bloor Homes Ltd

Remarks: The Chairman referred to previous discussion during the public Meeting which preceded this Parish Council Meeting. He had summarised the concerns of the two main participants as follows:

Spetchley Road Residents Association

Access & egress arrangements with especial reference to existing problems which would be exacerbated by the proposed development.

Traffic Congestion

Kilbury Estate Action Group

Flooding & Overflowing of sewerage system

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Proximity of new buildings to the existing estate homes.

Increase of "through traffic" - Kilbury drive was already used by many as a "rat-run".

Members discussed the application based on Members having seen the documentation provided by the Planning Authority and on-line, and in the light of information developed during previous discussions. The Clerk had supplied further recent information and analysis of public responses to the application. After considerable discussion it was agreed (SJB/CS) that the Clerk respond to the Planning Authority noting the Council's agreement in principle to the development of housing on the site, and its aspiration for it to be an integral part of the Parish, but objecting to the application on the grounds of the inadequacy of the proposed vehicular access & egress. The response was to express the Council's view that residents' concern about surface water flooding and sewerage inadequacies needed to be addressed and that the proposals in this context needed to be carefully analysed to ensure that they were adequate. He was also asked to research the distribution of Affordable Housing and if outside the guidelines to make appropriate comment.

Comment was also to be made regarding the S106 funds and New Homes bonus which would be generated to ensure that the Parish Councils aspirations could be met.

Members wholeheartedly supported the views of the Crime Risk manager of WMP but felt that the WMP demand for a police post was excessive in the light of nearby WMP property holdings, the sale of police properties in recent years and the fact that provision for a police office was being made in the design for the new Village Hall.

b. Previous consultations: None

c. Planning Decisions: None were reported

d. Other Planning Consultations: The Clerk reported the current consultation by Worcestershire County Council on its Minerals Local Plan which would be dealt with at the meeting on 13th November 2012.

e. Other Planning Matters: None.

2012.128 Appointment of Representatives.

Community First: Members agreed (SLB/CS) to the appointment of J. Chamberlain as the Council's nominated representative in place of the Chairman.

Worcestershire CALC: Members agreed (SLB/CS) to the appointment of J. Chamberlain to fill the vacant position of WPC Representative to Worcestershire CALC.

2012.129 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Meeting of the Council would be Tuesday 13th November 2012, at Whittington Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 2100 Hrs.