

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council held in The Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre on Monday 18th August 2014.

Present: Cllrs. D Roberts (Chair) , K Green (Vice-Chair), J Bradley, I Dalziel, A Hood, A Ince, T Jones, P Margetts, R Morgan, C Palmer, C Scurrell and P Shotton.

In attendance: John Farrell Clerk, twenty members of the public also attended.

293/14 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Pawley. Apologies were also received from Cllr. Mabbett via e mail sent just prior to the meeting, but not seen by the clerk until after the meeting. Apologies were also received from County Councillor R Jenkins and District Councillor J Boswell.

294/14 Declarations of Interest None.

295/14 Dispensations None requested.

The Meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak on any matter of concern relating to the agenda or for future discussion.

296/14 Meeting was re-opened.

Cllr. Roberts left the room for the duration of this agenda item and Cllr. Green vice chairman took the chair for the item.

Planning application 14/0392 - Erection of 10, 5 and 6 bedroom dwelling houses with associated garages, granny flats, access road and highway improvement works - Land at Yew Tree Avenue, Belbroughton.

The Vice - Chairman invited comments from members of the public to provide councillors with additional information. The Parish Council strongly objected in principle to the application since the land area concerned is outside the village envelop and sits within the Green Belt. It is therefore unacceptable. The applicant has not demonstrated any very special circumstances to justify that the application should be granted. The clerk would convey the comments to the District Council.

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Cllr. Roberts returned to the meeting. In view of the large numbers of the public he advised the meeting that Agenda item 5c would be discussed prior to items 5a and 5b.

Council discussed the format for the 10th September public consultation meeting on the future of the Green. The Chairman invited comments from members of the public which were noted by councillors. Council approved a motion that Cllrs. Roberts, Bradley. Margetts and Palmer should meet as a working group to draw up the presentations and report back to the 1st September Council.

The Fairfield W.I. would be contacted to see if they were able to provide refreshments.

The clerk informed the meeting of the National Association of Local Councils advice regarding the closure of a meeting to the press and public where agenda items dealt with professional advisors reports and advice. Specifically the Council was in receipt of a professional survey on The Green and to consider this in open meeting is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the Council in any future discussions with the Developer should it be approved that such take place. The Council was also in receipt of communications from its solicitor giving legal advice which is protected by legal professional privilege and therefore confidential. While the legal advice is the property of the Council publicity of it is likely to prejudice the legal position of the council.

Council approved a proposal that the discussion of agenda item 5b should be without members of the public present due to commercial sensitivity of certain information. The Chairman warmly thanked the members of the public for attending during the evening and the public left the meeting.

Council noted the contents of the professional valuation and advisory comments from the council's solicitors. The clerk was asked to contact the valuer and ascertain greater detail and explanation of the criteria used regarding parts of the valuation.

No other motions regarding The Green were proposed progressing any further actions with the Council's professional advisors.

Meeting Closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman