SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 At 7.30 pm in Suckley Village Hall

Present: Cllr P Whatley (Chairman), Cllr J Green, Cllr P Griffiths,

Cllr R Hill, Cllr R Hooper, Cllr L Devenish, Cllr A Lewis

Apologies: Cllr C Luton

In Attendance: Diana Taylor (Clerk)

9 members of the public attended the meeting

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).

Cllr P Whatley informed the Council that as a District Councillor he would not vote or express any opinion on these planning applications in case they were sent to MHDC Northern Area Planning Committee. He would, however, Chair the meeting.

The Chairman invited the applicant to put forward any points he wished to raise regarding this application. Mr Horsley gave a brief resume of the application in its revised and scaled down form from previous applications submitted to MHDC.

The Chairman then invited members of the public to put forward their comments. These centred on the future use of the garage building and the recreational meetings/events room which might escalate from the activities described in the application to larger events i.e. weddings, stag parties etc. taking place in the future. Linked to this were the issues of increased traffic and noise pollution. The Parish Council was asked to consider requesting a limitation to the use of the events room, with a restriction on numbers and times of use. It was noted that Baston Hall already operated as a bed and breakfast venue.

The applicant was given the opportunity to respond to any points raised if he wished to do so. Mr Horsley stated that he would not have a problem with some limitations being imposed. He and his wife had taken on board the objections raised in the two previous applications. The plan was to use the events room in conjunction with the Hall building, not separately. He wished to broaden the range of people coming to Baston Hall to support the running of the house and farm.

The Chairman reminded the Council that it must only consider the current planning applications 19/01403/FUL and 19/01404/LB as they stood. This excluded any previous applications which had been submitted, and any conjecture on future use of the garage and buildings.

The Council considered the following Planning Applications:-

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

71/19 19/01403/FUL & 19/01404/LB

Location: Baston Hall, Crews Hill, Alfrick, Worcs WR6 5HF

Proposal: Change of Use of part of existing detached garage to multi-use space

(recreational meetings) with office space. Retention of two garage spaces with minor alterations to building. Change of Use to main house to mixed use to

include overnight accommodation and as B & B.

Applicant: Mr Ian Horsley

The Council discussed this application, and the Clerk was asked to send the following comments to MHDC Planning Dept :-

Taking into account points raised by parishioners, Suckley Parish Council has concerns regarding these applications as follows:-

- 1. Increased volumes of traffic (service and visitor vehicles) on narrow country lanes
- 2. Potential for noise pollution due to the natural geological layout of the area
- 3. The numbers of people attending events being held and the hours of use for the Events Room and
- 4. The Council would recommend that a restriction on the timing of activities being held in the Events Room be considered by MHDC Planning.