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Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

Present:

Mrs S Parsons Chairman
Mrs M Scott
Mrs S Hackett
Mrs D George
Mr R Holder
Mr J Waldock
Mrs Rae Spencer-Jones
Mr James Maunder Taylor

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

Val Coleby & Lauren May, Berrys. (Part meeting)

There were three residents in attendance.

2018/017 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2018/018 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Mrs Hackett declared an interest in agenda item (10), Fineshade Boundary Change.

2018/019 Val Coleby & Lauren May, Berrys. Red House and Manor Farm, Duddington.

The chairman welcomed Ms Coleby and Ms May to the meeting. Ms Coleby presented the draft proposals for Red House and Manor Farm and discussed the intended access points. A total of 10 dwellings comprising existing, new, restored and converted would be served off two private drives. It was explained that these were initial ideas and that technical details such as servicing the properties would follow once the layout had been finalised. Given the number of parking spaces, councillors were concerned that the proposed garages would increase the impression of a built-up area that would be out of character with the village. As the nightscape is valued it was stated that no street lighting should be included. If the development goes ahead then the developer and builders must liaise closely with the Parish Council to ensure minimum disruption and inconvenience. The removal of the garages would enable the new dwellings to be relocated so as to be less intrusive.

In summary, there was concern over the new access and the potential level of use, especially with other development in the vicinity; the location of the dwelling at the end of the new access; the scale of the development; garages not required; communal parking should be avoided and parking spaces provided nearer the respective dwelling; no street lighting; consideration of sewage and energy issues; lack of garden area; loss of amenity for nearby residents as a result of noise and vehicle movements/lights; dwelling height to be restricted to single or 1.5 storey; protection of nightscape; additional traffic issues; properties to be non-rental.

Ms Coleby said that she would take these comments away with a view to amending the proposals and then representing them to the Parish Council along with indicative elevations. The Chairman thanked Berrys representatives for their time.

Ms Coleby & Ms May left at 8:40pm

2018/020 Public Time

There were no issues at this time.

2018/021 Police Matters

There were no issues to report.

2018/022 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 06.02.18

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs Scott and

Chairman

Date

seconded by Cllr. Mrs Hackett. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

2018/023 Matters arising

Cllr. Mrs Hackett asked about progress over the defibrillator as it needed to be commissioned. Cllr. Holder said that he would get the work on the telephone box completed so that the device could be installed. **Action: RH**

2018/024 Estate Matters

There were no further matters regarding the Estate.

2018/025 Neighbourhood Plan: Working Group Update.

Cllr. Mrs Hackett gave an update on this item and spoke of the use of a consultant who she would be meeting shortly. The Clerk spoke of his meeting with Mike Burton regarding the effect of the suggested boundary changes.

2018/026 Fineshade Boundary Change

The initial consultation over this was now open and representations need to be made by the end of April. The Parish Council's response was discussed and the Clerk said he would produce a draft for consideration. **Action: Clerk**

2018/027 Website

The Clerk would be speaking to Adam Curtis in the next few days regarding the use of PC specific e-mail addresses and other matters with the site. The application for Transparency Code funding had been successful and a grant to cover the cost of setting up the website would be paid into the bank account.

2018/028 Correspondence

As per list previously circulated to councillors.

2018/029 Planning issues

- a) There were no applications to be considered.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

2018/030 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of the accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Holder proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs George:

Retrospective

12.02.18 Anglian Water Business £11.97 Cheque No.100888

13.03.18 R Reed Website costs £14.66 Cheque No. 100889

- (iv) E.ON had written to advise of increased energy costs from early April.

2018/031 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

The gate at the playground required re-hanging and a key was needed for the refuse bin so that the rubbish sack could be put out for collection. Cllr Maunder Taylor said that he would deal with these items. **Action: JMT**

2018/032 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th May 2018 commencing at 7:45pm. The ordinary meeting would follow the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM.

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 9:15pm.