

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF FIVEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 29 October 2019 at 1900 at The Baptist Chapel, Fivehead

Present: Mrs K Beacham; Mrs L Howard (Chair); Mrs N Cameron; Mrs P Brett; Mr J Westworth; Mr R Wynn. District Councillor M Cavill. Mrs J Wardle (Clerk/RFO).

3040 Public participation

55 members of the Public attended. KB welcomed everyone and thanked Laurie Burn for making the Baptist Chapel available for the meeting. She introduced Mr Chris Winter (CW), the site developer, and explained that, as she would be Declaring an Interest in the planning application, the meeting would be chaired by LH. LH then took the Chair and asked CW to briefly explain the application and then to take questions through the Chair.

CW explained that he had been approached by the land-owners (ex-Davis Homes Directors) to develop the smaller site (the current application for two houses) with an option to develop the full site. Whilst surveyors have undertaken a topological survey of the full site, he said that there are currently no plans for this larger area. His preferred option is to get the current application approved before looking at the options for the larger area. With the regard to the latter, it would be his intention to undertake pre-application consultation with the parish to understand their requirements.

He advised that, if approval for the two homes is granted, construction would start 6-8 weeks thereafter and then take 7-8 months. He advised that, on completion, there would be no road access into the field beyond the two houses which would effectively close off Ganges Close.

Members and the Public queried and raised concerns regarding: the routeing of heavy construction traffic on Ganges Hill; the absence of Green measures; the poor local transport facilities; the absence of an ecological survey and wildlife protection; and surface and foul water problems.

There was considerable comment that no additional properties are required in the village; and there was also some debate regarding the type and size of property that would best meet local needs. MC reminded everyone that, at this time, the Council was being asked to comment on the application for two houses.

A show of hands indicated one person in favour of the current application with the majority of the audience against (there were a couple of abstentions).

LH thanked CW and the Public for their engagement in the discussion.

The Public session closed at 2000 with CW and six members of the Public remaining in the meeting.

3041 Apologies for absence

None

3042 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

KB and NC Declared an Interest and left the meeting after the Public session.

3043 Planning - see <http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planningsearch/> for details

a) Application No: 19/02717/FUL. The erection of 2 dwellings with double garages and formation of access. Land to the North of Ganges Close, Fivehead.

In the light of the background research into this application and previous applications for the site (prepared by PB); the cumulative impact of the current large number of planning applications in village; and the strength of feeling demonstrated during the Public session, one Member recommended approval and three Members recommended refusal of the current application.

Action: Clerk to prepare summary response to Planning recommending refusal balancing the views and expectations expressed at the meeting with planning policy and other Material Considerations.

3044 Matters of Report, Questions and Items for the Next Meeting

None.

Date of Next Meetings

Monday 4 November 2019 at 1930 in the Village Hall, Stowey Road, Fivehead

Monday 11 November 2019 at 1900 – Planning meeting - in the Baptist Chapel, Fivehead

The meeting closed at 2005

Chairman.....

Dated.....