

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Karen Weir (Chair), Janet Armstrong, Tim Birt, Rod Rumsby and Jeremy Woods

In attendance: None

511. To receive any apologies. Clerk

512. To accept any declaration(s) of interests. TB – pecuniary interest in 3PL/2016/1082/F

513. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications

- 3PL/2016/1082/F: Stonehouse Barn, The Street – replacement outbuilding / barn to provide additional ancillary accommodation.

TB declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the meeting whilst it was discussed

Ovington Parish Council note that this is a resubmission of a previous application. They have no objections to the development in principle but feel that the conservation issues have not been fully addressed and are concerned that no development should be authorised until there has been more investigation and clarification of protected wildlife on the site. They would also like to see the character of the old building retained and were concerned that the clay lump construction would be lost.

Councillors also note that access and boundaries appear not to be agreed. They are concerned that any extra traffic both during and after the build could involve vehicles being parked on a main road on a blind corner.

TB re-entered the room

- Prior Notification in respect of change of use consultation – 3PN/2016/0068/UC: Rose Farm, Dereham Road – Change of use of agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings (permitted development)

The Parish Council objects to this change of use, however **if** planning is granted it requests that a (section 106) condition be applied that a foot-way be constructed along the east side of the main road to facilitate safer pedestrian access to Church Road. NCC have provisionally indicated there is space on highways owned land.

Note: the documents were unclear as 'site boundary' and 'site location' do not show the A1075 or other public reference points.

The Parish Council is very concerned about both vehicle and pedestrian safety. This road is a known accident black-spot, the wall opposite the assumed site access remains knocked down from the last collision. There is no access to any facilities such as doctor, shops, bus-stop, etc without the use of a vehicle, turning onto this particularly dangerous section of road.

It was noted that the 'short design life' steel frame agricultural storage units appear highly unsuitable for conversion, it was felt the recent planning change was not intended to apply to this type of building and that by granting change-of-use they will exist in perpetuity. Councillors felt the detail of the proposed design is poor, little more than a box inserted in the steel frame and certainly **not in keeping with the surrounding buildings.**

514. Adjournment for Public Participation

None

515. Date of Next Meetings: 3 November 2016

Meeting closed at 8.15pm