

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2016

Venue: Gotherington Village Hall, Gotherington

Present: Councillors David Hearn, Caroline Ryman, Bev Osborne, Howard Samuels, Sylvia Stokes and David Ward

In Attendance: RFO/Clerk Jules Owen and 7 members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Rodney Churchill and Les Howard

No.	Details	Action
1.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr. Hearn had taken advice from GAPTC regarding Personal Interests which would affect Cllr. Ryman and Cllr. Ward, therefore he proposed the following dispensation be granted:</p> <p>For Councillors with a special interest the right to engage in the discussions but not to vote.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Hearn Seconded: Cllr. Stokes Approved unanimously</p> <p>Cllr. Hearn then stated that he wished to make the following points clear:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If an Action Group is set-up and Councillors wished to be involved in the Action Group, they will be as individuals and not as representatives of Gotherington Parish Council or the GNDP2. Gotherington Parish Council had not been involved financially in the previous two Action Groups and will not be involved financially with this one	
2.	<p>To consider the Parish Council's response to the proposed planning application 16/00901/OUT for 90 dwellings on Cook's Meadow with access via Ashmead Drive</p> <p>The Chairman invited comments from the public first:</p> <p>Simon Tarling of 4 Ashmead Drive said he wished to reiterate his letter to Gallagher's lawyers with the following objections: increased traffic, adjacent to green space, inconsistent to NDP, to name just a few.</p> <p>Luke Adam of 7 Ashmead Drive pointed out the width of the road and proximity of junction of Ashmead Drive and Malleson Road - Moat Farm was turned down for this reason.</p> <p>Other comments from the public included 'Linking Gotherington and Bishops Cleeve'.</p> <p>Cllr. Hearn identified there is a 'hole' there in the village and this is what will be said, so we must be prepared for this.</p> <p>Cllr. Ryman said JCS numbers identified more of an urban design. It will be enclosing the village – it is currently a linear village and this would be substantially changing the village.</p>	

	<p>Cllr. Ward agreed that we should have a bottom-up approach and the people should have a say - this field is open for enjoying the countryside, for walking dogs, indeed, it used to be a cricket field.</p> <p>Other comments included the fact that it undermines the NDP. Numbers are too big – 219 extra houses. We currently have 415 dwellings in the village.</p> <p>It is good quality agricultural land.</p> <p>A development of that scale would totally overwhelm the school.</p> <p>All the work of the Steering Group in the last 2 years identifying 3 sites seems wasted.</p> <p>Cllr. Ward had prepared a report giving a variety of reasons against the development and he urged everyone to write different letters to Tewkesbury Borough Council to object. His report will be circulated in the village and he reiterated how important it is that as many people as possible object, either by post or email.</p> <p>Cllrs. Ward and Samuels discussed the archaeological study which had been carried out on the land previously. Apparently there was an iron age settlement on the site and clearly any developers would need to complete the appropriate surveys.</p> <p>Cllr. Stokes had prepared an objection response to the Application which Cllr. Hearn read out. Everyone was supportive of the proposed objection response and it was agreed that it would be circulated to the Councillors for amendments and then sent to Tewkesbury Borough Council by the Clerk.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr. Hearn Proposed by: Cllr. Stokes Agreed by Cllr. Osborne & Cllr. Samuels</p> <p>Dan Snape of 6 Ashmead Drive asked who would be setting-up the Residents Group – it was suggested it would be Richard Knightley.</p> <p>Simon Tarling asked if Ashmead Drive could legally be opened-up as it is a cul-de-sac and it was confirmed that it could.</p> <p>Before closing the meeting, Cllr Hearn urged everyone to send off their objections.</p>	<p>Clerk to submit the objection response once it has been circulated to all Councillors</p>
<p>Meeting Closed:</p>	<p>16.20 pm</p>	