



Stroud Parish Council

Extraordinary Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Stroud Church on Tuesday 2nd of June 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D McKinney, Cllr A Burges & Cllr C Foulston.

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), Mr O Howe (Co-opted Cllr) & 5 members of the public.

1.03.15 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were noted from Cllr F Rogers. Cllr D Paul was not present.

2.03.15 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Burges declared an interest in agenda item 06.03.15

3.03.15 Comments from the Public or Press.

There were a number of comments from members of the public in relation to agenda item 05.03.15 as follows: -

Mr C Snow declared that he had an interest in this agenda item as he owns a farm at the top of Rothercombe Lane. Mr Snow has no objection in principle to a development but has grave concerns regarding access. There is considerable farm and private traffic on the lane and delivery vehicles to the current care home already block the lane at times and this will only increase with an increase in room numbers. It was discussed whether service and construction vehicles could be contained within the site and Mr Snow mentioned that last time a planning application was submitted for the site a plan was in place for the car park to be completed first so that construction traffic could use that. Mr Snow also commented on inaccuracies in the application such as stating that there are only 2 dwellings on the lane whereas in fact there are 7. There was also a query on ownership stated of the lane and the potential move of access to the care home.

Mrs A Snow, who also lives on Rothercombe Lane, reiterated the above comments made and also added her concerns regarding the lane being blocked when farm traffic needs to turn in from the A272 which can result in traffic being stuck crossing the A272. Mrs Snow has been working on road safety for the A272 and has serious reservations regarding the increase in traffic during construction times and also the increase in visitor and staff traffic as it is a single track lane. It was discussed whether clarification could be requested regarding this. Mrs Snow has written to Mr I Janes of Highways regarding the application. Mrs Snow also commented that the application could potentially be considered an overdevelopment of the site.

Ms R Butlin, also of Rothercombe Lane, has no objection in principle but has concerns regarding traffic and safety. When service traffic parks at the end of the lane it is extremely difficult to see to drive out of the lane. This is also dangerous for pedestrians. The extra traffic could also damage the verges on the lane which in turn could lead to drainage issues. Mrs Butlin also commented that if the new care home was going to be the same height as the current care home but all of the way along the site then the residents would like trees planted to hide this.

Another resident of Rothercombe Lane, Mrs S Hill, reiterated all of the above and queried whether provisions had been made for delivery vehicles turning around without having the

reverse up the lane. Mrs Hill is concerned about the safety and speed aspect especially with children on the lane and is keen for disruption to be minimised.

Queries that arose from the comments were regarding rights of way issues (the Parish Council were not aware of any issues in relation to this) and also when the building is likely to take place as the time of year could also make a difference to the farm. It is not yet known when the building is due to take place.

The Chairman stated that construction work is not one of the issues looked at when deciding on a planning application. The members of the public were thanked and it was discussed that they could also submit their comments via the public access planning portal.

4.03.15 Co-option of a New Councillor.

One candidate, Mr Oliver Howe, had come forward to fill the vacancy of Parish Councillor following the recent uncontested election. Mr Howe is a former councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr McKinney proposed and Cllr Burges seconded that Mr Howe should be co-opted onto Stroud Parish Council and **this was resolved**. Mr Howe duly signed the declaration of office.

5.03.15. Planning Application – SDNP/15/00860/FUL Location Stroud House Care Home, Rothercombe Lane, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3PQ **Proposal:** replacement of existing care home with new purpose built building together with associated car parking.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding this planning application and a site visit was considered but rejected. The Council also received a further objection from a member of public outside of the meeting and it was suggested that it could be requested that the planning application be decided by South Downs National Park Planning Committee instead of by a delegated officer. The Chairman will be discussing this with District Councillor Nick Drew. As a Parish Council it was agreed that although development and businesses are encouraged **it was resolved** that the Council would submit reservations on the following two issues regarding the planning application: -

1. Traffic Management
2. Overdevelopment

Cllr Burges and the Clerk will draft and submit the comments.

6.03.15 Planning Application – SDNP/15/02297/HOUS Location: 11 North Stroud Lane, Stroud, Petersfield, GU32 3PP **Proposal:** single storey rear extension.

Cllr Burges left the room for this agenda item. Cllr Howe also registered an interest in this agenda item. After looking at the application and a short discussion, including comments submitted by Cllr Rogers prior to the meeting, Cllr McKinney confirmed that the application is in line with the current boundary and is also in the development boundary. **It was resolved** that no objection would be made to this planning application.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 7th of July 2015 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.15pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston