



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Stroud Church on Tuesday 6th of June 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr D McKinney, Cllr D Paul, Cllr F Rogers & Cllr C Foulston.

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO) and 3 members of the public.

1.4.17 Apologies for Absence. None.

2.4.17 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None.

3.4.17 Comments from the Public or Press.

The members of the public attending the meeting raised several concerns regarding the traffic situation in Ramsdean Road and queried what Hampshire County Council's view would be on the proposed development in Ramsdean Road. The recent amendments to the planning application, including the proposed layby, were also discussed. It was queried whether any other land had been considered to be purchased to alleviate the parking problems and also whether the roads on the development would be adopted by Hampshire County Council. The Chairman gave an update on the recent letter sent to all Ramsdean Road residents asking for their thoughts on the proposed layby. 8 replies had been received and it was a mixed response. The Chairman confirmed that the sub committee had spent a lot of time looking at the traffic issue and have asked Hampshire County Council to engage with them too. Langrish School have also previously been contacted about updating their travel plan. Unfortunately the traffic problem on Ramsdean Road has always been an ongoing issue and is not easily resolved but the sub committee have been trying to look into ways to alleviate the problem.

4.4.17 Planning Application – SDNP/17/01744/FUL Location: Land South of the Seven Stars, Ramsdean Road, Stroud, Petersfield Hampshire **Proposal:** Erection of 26 dwellings and a Village Hall..

A discussion followed with the Councillors present regarding the Village Hall. The Chairman confirmed the background to the community wish for the hall including a 69% response in favour of the hall to a questionnaire circulated by Action Hampshire a few years ago. The Councillors are also very concerned with the traffic on Ramsdean Road and feel that this is the main issue with the proposed development.

The Chairman confirmed that there have been several meetings over the last 3 months, including a meeting with the traffic expert who supplied the report included with the planning application, but a decision now needs to be taken regarding the Parish Council's response to the planning application due to the upcoming deadline to reply. It is an opportunity for the village to achieve affordable housing aims.

Following discussion, **it was resolved** that the Council would support the proposed development but will also pass on concerns raised by local residents and points raised by the sub committee. The Chairman will draft a response and circulate it to members before sending to South Downs National Park Authority. If the planning application is agreed then the Parish Council would like to continue to work with the sub committee and CALA Homes to achieve the best possible result for the village.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 11th of July 2017 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.55pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston