

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of Much Birch Parish Council held at Much Birch Community Hall on Wednesday 26th June 2013

Present:

Cllr. Alison Cook (Chair)
Cllr. Stephen Turner (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Terry Cook
Cllr. Jon Norris
Cllr. A. Crum

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, Alison Wright, Ward Cllr R Hamilton plus Kat Le Tsar of Hereford Housing and 24 Members of the public

1.0 Planning Application for Tump Lane, Much Birch

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The purpose of the one agenda item meeting was to discuss the planning application detailed here and formulate the Parish Council's response to the Planning Authority.

Planning Application received for Site: Tump Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8HW

Description: Residential development comprising up to 20 dwellings, including up to 10 affordable dwellings with associated new access (via Tump Lane) and car parking arrangements for both existing and proposed and community facility

Applicants: The Owner and /or Occupier

Application No: 130945/O

Grid Ref: OS 349699, 230575

Application Type: Outline

A vigorous and informed discussion of all of the concerns and issues pertaining to aspects of the application was held. Members of the public had the opportunity to raise their concerns and discuss options with the representative from Hereford Housing and their elected Parish Councillors. Road safety issues and access played a major part in the deliberations. A show of hands for and against the proposal gave a result of 4 for the proposal and 20 against. Following the discussion, the Parish Council considered the content of the meeting and formulated the following response which was resolved to be conveyed to the Planning Department on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council of Much Birch has resolved to make the following comments in respect of the aforementioned planning application:-

The Much Birch Parish Council objects to the Planning Application on the grounds of access and highway safety, paying particular regard to the access point into the Tump Lane Estate and the potential for increased traffic generation on Tump Lane. It also objects on the grounds of the impact to the existing community by way of the overbearing nature of the proposal in that existing residents are being required to make imposed sacrifices to facilitate the proposed application.

It is therefore the wish of this Parish Council that the Planning Application be rejected.

If, however the Planning Committee are minded to approve the application then the Much Birch Parish Council would be seeking the imposition of three specific conditions to safeguard residents and road users:-

- 1) The reduction in speed limit for the entire length of the road known as Tump Lane from 40mph to 30mph
- 2) The imposition of a vehicular maximum weight limit of 17.5 tonnes
- 3) The installation of a pavement to enable safe pedestrian use of the road for its entire length

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Chairman

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Date