

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of Much Birch Parish Council held at Much Birch Community Hall on Thursday 7th August 2014

Present:

Cllr. Alison Cook (Chair)
Cllr. Keith James
Cllr. Tim Jones
Cllr. Jon Norris
Cllr. Andrew Crum

Apologies: Cllr Steve Turner

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, Alison Wright, plus one development proposer (Court Farm) - Mr Mark Green and 17 members of the public

1.0 Planning Application for Court Farm, Much Birch

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

Site: Court Farm, Much Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8HT

Description: Site for 18 no. dwellings, associated car parking, access and landscaping

Applicants: Mr Mark Green

Application No: 141830/O

Grid Ref: OS 350322, 230432

Application Type: Outline

A 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 Parish Council. Mr Mark Green, the applicant, addressed the Parish Council and answered questions posed by the public, through the Chair. There were concerns expressed over noise, road use, traffic volumes and deliveries. There was some discussion over the ownership of the land adjacent to the site, pathway and roadway concerns and a letter of support for the project was read out by the Ward Councillor. It was stated that restrictions on construction site activity, and timing, would fall within the remit of control imposable by the Planning Authority.

Following the discussion, the Parish Council considered the content of the application 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 Parish Council supports the application. They can see no grounds under which it can be refused but would ask for careful consideration of the access road from the Road A49 to the start of the development. Heads of Terms (106 monies) to be used for sustainable transport with serious consideration given to the access road and attendant issues, although it is acknowledged that the width of the road cannot be changed"

2) The second consideration of the evening was for the amended application received for:-

Site: Land at Barrack Hill, Kingsthorpe, Hereford

Description: Erection of three dwellings (now amended to two) and construction of new vehicular access

Parish: Much Birch

Application No: P140593/0

Application type: Outline

The Parish Council discussed and reviewed the amendments made to the original application, as listed in the letter dated 30th June 2014 from Paul Smith Associates, and resolved to make the following comments:

“The Parish Council have considered the amended application, as submitted, and reiterate all of the comments made to the original application and their objection to it for the same reasons, loss of habitat, loss of greenfield site and long established agricultural land, which is not redundant, plus concerns regarding drainage on the site.”

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date