

# Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

**Extraordinary Meeting** held via video link (Zoom), 7.30pm 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice-Chairman), R Abbiss, J Rogers, S Allen.

Parishioners: 8

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

## **0. Parishioner's time:**

All the parishioners present indicated that they were there to object to the proposals under item 3c, Lower Bardley Court.

Chairman asked parishioners for their comments which were:

- The site has changed hands again and this application was to add 10 more units to the 8 already there.
- The current lodges have never been filled and they have been offered for sale, let and holiday let – why put more?
- The site will be saturated if these are allowed.
- Amenity space will be lost.
- Access is dangerous with no footpaths to walk on.
- Noise carries down the valley and into adjoining properties from the lodges already on site so this will be made much worse. No impact on adjoining properties made.
- Light pollution.
- Habitat consists of red kites, buzzards, bats, swallows etc and many mature trees will have to be removed to accommodate some of these new units.
- No facilities – nearest pubs 2 miles away, shops 5 miles.
- Viability of the site questioned.

Long debate took place regarding this application and the Chairman thanked the parishioners for joining the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Smith (unwell), S Crawford (unable to attend), S Cllrs M Shinton and G Butler – both had sent apologies. to planning re: Bardley Court, which Clerk read out)

## **2. Declaration of interests:**

Cllr Abbiss declared an interest in 3d, Pickthorn Farm planning application, but Clerk pointed out that no comments were required.

## **3. Planning applications:**

a) Reference: 21/01322/FUL (validated: 15/03/2021)

Address: The Garden House, Sidbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PY

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension

Applicant: Mr Jes Dorrell (The Garden House, Sidbury, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PY)

This is a small single storey extension, no objections raised by residents and Cllrs **RESOLVED to support the application.**

b) Reference: 21/01238/LBC (validated: 11/03/2021)

Address: Lower Chorley Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Replacement of 4no windows, 2No dormer windows, 1No exterior door, 1No porch canopy and insertion of new structural timber beams affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Applicant: Tina Jones (Lower Chorley Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PP)

Cllrs raised no objections to this application.

c) Reference: 21/01221/FUL (validated: 10/03/2021)

Address: Lower Bardley Court, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of an additional 10 holiday caravans

Applicant: Mr J Finney (C/o Agent)

Having listened to all residents Cllrs found their comments very valid and after discussions

Councillors **RESOLVED to STRONGLY OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:**

ACCESS - visibility is not good from this access as the site line is restricted. Increasing the volume of vehicles using this access would be very dangerous as it is on a bend. This is a narrow road where the national speed limit of 60mph is applicable. There are no pavements on this stretch of road so tourists wishing to leave the site on foot would be at risk.

Occupants of these 'caravans' will have to drive to amenities shops/pubs etc as there are none within 2 miles of the site - has this been considered?

The homes already there have proved not to be viable, contrary to what the applicant's agent says, so why apply for more? The site has never been full since inception. They have been trying to sell a number of units for some time.

The play amenity area for the present lodges will be lost - where will visiting children play? To remove the amenity space takes away the very essence of why people want to stay in the countryside, i.e., to enjoy the open space and peacefulness. The site will therefore be less attractive with more units.

We believe local residents' concerns about the impact of increased noise and light pollution is a valid one. The topography would seem to amplify any noise travelling up the valley.

The site is known for attracting bats, owls, red kites, buzzards to name just a few - why has no Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out?

There is no mention of dealing with the extra foul and surface water created in the application form.

We are concerned about this application as we assume that there will be a large number of mature trees that will have to be removed to accommodate the new 'caravans' at the top end of this site.

If Shropshire Council is minded to approve this application we would request that this goes to committee and a site visit arranged.

d) Reference: 21/01386/AGR – **No comments required for this application – Information Only**

Address: Pickthorn Farm, Chorley

Proposal: Erection of 2 agricultural buildings

Applicant: Mr R Abbiss

Cllr Abbiss had declared an interest as applicant is her son, but no comments are needed. This application is to roof 2 silage buildings to keep water out and food store.

e) Permissions granted:

i) Reference: 21/00527/FUL (validated: 17/02/2021)

Address: Stanley Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PS

Proposal: Erection of portal steel frame agricultural building  
Decision: Grant Permission

ii)Reference: 21/00597/FUL (validated: 16/02/2021)  
Address: Prescott Farm, Prescott, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8RR  
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building over the existing cattle handling area  
Decision: Grant Permission

iii)Reference: 21/00697/FUL (validated: 19/02/2021)  
Address: Fighting Cocks Inn, High Street, Stottesdon, DY14 8TZ  
Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to replace windows/doors; insertion of roof lights, new porch; render and internal works to include adaptations for COVID safety  
Decision: Grant Permission

**4. Date of next meeting:** 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Annual Parish meeting 7pm followed by Parish Council meeting. Cllr Allen gave apologies for this meeting.

Clerk explained that the 17<sup>th</sup> May Annual Parish Council meeting (AGM) looks as if this can be held in the Village Hall, subject to all Covid conditions being adhered to.

Cllr Rogers gave his apologies for this meeting and Clerk asked for permission for his Declaration of Office to be signed beforehand – **All agreed.**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.**