

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th August 2014.

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. L. Spindler (Vice Chair), Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. Alan Spindler, Cllr. Alastair Spindler, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Richard Day Clerk and 41 Parishioners.

1. The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and explained the purpose and order of the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cllrs Alder and Gasper.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Planning matters re Appn DC/14/2068 FUL (Residential Development comprising 26 dwellings on Land off St Michaels Way Wenhaston.) A request was made to the Clerk by a Councillor prior to the meeting for full disclosure of voting to be recorded within minutes.

Cllr. Corbett summarised all comments made by Parishioners prior to the meeting for Councillors to consider.

Cllr. Phillips made a statement outlining her objection to the proposal from the perspective of 59 years service to the Parish Council and having spent all of her life living within the village and having a grasp of the majority of Parishioners views on the matter.

Cllr. L. Spindler outlined the lack of information regarding Solar Panels and the proposed quality of the road surfaces which would require upkeep at residents expense.

Cllr. Edwards questioned the need for the development when viewed in conjunction with current planning guidelines.

Cllr. Wilkinson expressed concern regarding whether the specification of the proposed affordable homes fully met the criteria required by Housing Associations. He suggested that before any building was commenced there should be confirmation that the specification met at least 3 Housing Associations criteria otherwise they could not be taken on.



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Cllr. Alastair Spindler questioned the views expressed during the meeting and urged Parish Councillors to consider all wider issues including potential long term benefit to the Village via possible section 106 monies. Cllr. Corbett expressed the view that the application was not welcomed by the Village and failed to meet current planning guidelines particularly around access for emergency vehicles, that it would be within the AONB and questioned the environmental study on the basis of insufficient detail.

Cllr. Phillips proposed that the Parish Council should reject the proposed development for the reasons expressed during the meeting. Cllr. L. Spindler seconded the proposal. Cllrs. Corbett, Wilkinson, Tate and Edwards voted in favour of rejection. Cllrs. Alan Spindler and Alastair Spindler voted in favour of the application.

Following the vote (6-2) in favour of rejection of the proposals confirmation will be send to SCDC Planning outlining the decision and explaining rationale.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm. Next meeting Wednesday 20th August 2014.



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