

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL (MPC)

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21st August 2014 at 6.30pm (18:30hrs) in the Green Room of Meldreth Village Hall.

Present: Mr R A Searles – Acting Chairman (**RAS**); Mrs J Fallon (**JF**); Mr C A Land (**CAL**); and Mr D Stewart (**DS**)

In attendance: Mrs J Damant (Clerk) and Cllr P Hart (SCDC)

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Mr S Hawkins and Mr N Pellatt. In the absence of Mr S Hawkins, Mr R A Searles took the Chair.

2. To sign and approve Minutes of meeting held on 7th August 2014.

The minutes were proposed by DS to be a true record, seconded by CAL, all agreed. Chairman then signed the minutes.

3. Public Participation:

(For up to 15 mins members of the public may contribute their views and comments - 3mins per item)

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Concern was once again expressed as with the previous meeting of 7th August 2014.

It was felt that the noise report (No.3) still has a number of faults/issues associated with it. The measurement was done without knowledge of the number of lorries in the yard or their sizes.

There is also no clear indication as to what was actually measured.

The issue of change of ownership was raised and that there was concerns that some issues may get forgotten, RAS stated that this was not a planning consideration with regards to the meeting tonight.

There was also concern with the recent letter, received prior to the meeting, which explained the working hours and that the letter was not clear as to what the hours would actually be. The issue of warehouse working hours is not of a main concern however the noise that is made during these hours when workers are out in the courtyard is of concern.

Areas of discussion:

1. Transformer
2. There is to be no office/workshop
3. Lack of landscaping and sound attenuation plan
4. Working hours for warehouse and transport.

4. Councillors to disclose any Pecuniary Interests (disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) include interests held by a member's spouse, civil partner or similar) listed on the Agenda:

There were no interests declared.

5. Request for the following:

5.1 Eden Farm, Station Yard High Street

S/1699/14/FL

Alterations and extensions to existing buildings to form additional cold storage and loading facilities in conjunction with the overall site reorganisation (revised scheme S/1107/10). Meldreth Parish Council recommend 'Refusal' with comments.

'The Parish Council have no objections to the transformer or the lack of office buildings, however concern was expressed about the delivery times. Traffic movements at 4am are not acceptable in a small village.

The warehouse working hours would be acceptable if personnel and their equipment stayed inside the building however past experience is that this is not the case and residents sleep have been disturbed by shouting, dropped pallets etc during these hours. If SCDC are minded to approve this application the Parish Council would want to see a restriction on night working and propose that there are no warehouse operations between 10:00pm and 7am and there are to be no vehicle movements before 6:00am or after 10.00pm.

The Parish Council would also want to see a landscaping and sound attenuation plan as a condition particularly to meet the recommendations in the acoustic assessment report.

There have been a number of instances of large vehicles failing to make a clear entry to the site and on occasions have driven across the grass triangle verge with the war memorial and damaging the protecting bollards. The Parish Council would also like to see a Highway report on the suitability of the access roads as shown in drawing number PB-2014-40/01'.

6. SCDC Decisions:

S/1413/14/FL, 25 North End, permission has been granted to replace 5 velux roof lights on the rear (west) elevation with 2 dormer windows.

S/1354/14/FL, 26 Flambards Close, permission has been granted for single storey rear extension.

7. Other Items:

There were no other items discussed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35pm (19:35hrs).

Chairman

Date

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