

Drewsteignton Parish Council.

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Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2020 in Whiddon Down Village Hall Car Park at 6pm.

Parish Councillors Present: Ysanne James (Chair), Peter Brennan(vice-chair), Anna Imrie & Ian Rowe.

Also in attendance: 1 members of the Public (A Trustee of Stone Lane Gardens)

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Cllr Brennan was nominated to take the notes of the meeting to enable the Clerk to write up the minutes.

E1.2.20 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Brennan reported he had received apologies from Cllr Redman who was unable to attend due to an urgent work commitment (calving).

[Cllr James proposed that apologies from Cllr Redman due to work commitments be accepted, seconded Cllr Brennan. All in Favour – Motion Carried. \(RR2019/061\)](#)

Cllr James reported she had received apologies from the Clerk who is unable to attend due to injury.

E2.2.20 Declarations of Interest: Councillors were invited to declare any interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting, including the nature of the interest.

Cllr Imrie declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item E4.2.20 item as she is a volunteer at Stone Lane Gardens Charitable Trust and the applicant.

E3.2.20 Public Speaking Time (max. 10 minutes) – A Trustee of Stone Lane Gardens and spoke of the need to offer improved amenities for visitors, the positive feedback they have received from visitors regarding establishing a tearoom and plans to increase visitor numbers as a result.

E4.2.20 Planning

a) New Applications:

- i) 0045/20: Change of Use of Part of the Barn to tea room together with internal partition, replacement floor and doors, Stone Farm, Stone Lane, Chagford (Full planning application) – Mrs A. Imrie.**

Cllr Imrie had declared a prejudicial interest and as a result left the meeting during this item. The following Cllrs attended a site visit with the applicant on Saturday 22nd Feb: Cllrs James, Redman, Rowe & Brennan. The site visit notes had been circulated to the Council and Clerk and there were no additional comments.

[Cllr James proposed that the Council support the application as it will make use of an existing building, maintain the external look of the barn, improve visitors experience and support the medium-term plans to grow visitors to the site/area, seconded Cllr Rowe. All in Favour – Motion Carried. \(RR2019/062\)](#)

- ii) **0046/20: Change of Use of Part of the Barn to tearoom together with internal partition, replacement floor and doors, Stone Farm, Stone Lane, Chagford (Listed Building Consent) – Mrs A. Imrie.**

Cllr James proposed that the Council support this retrospective application for change of use given the conversion carried out in 1973 by the previous owners, seconded Cllr Brennan. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2019/063)

Cllr Imrie returned to the meeting.

b) Appeals:

- i. **Appeal for application 0464/19 Static caravan for Warden at Barley Meadows camping and caravan park, Crockernwell. PINS ref: APP/J9497/W/19/3243823 – submission deadline 11th March 2020.**

Cllr James reported that the council had supported the original application with a recommendation for a 2-year licence and a review thereafter. Cllr Brennan advised that the applicant had bought Bay Tree House, adjacent to the site and this was his residence, and that the existing static caravan intended for a Warden was occupied by his mother. The necessity for a second static caravan for a Warden was a result of the applicant's domestic arrangements. The site owner is continuing to invest in improving the site, with the number of hardstanding fully serviced pitches, hardstanding electric pitches, grass electric pitches and grass only pitches being significantly increased. The benefit of increased visitor numbers to other local businesses was noted.

Cllr James proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the planning inspectorate on behalf of the Council, stating a neutral position to the applicants appeal on the grounds discussed at the meeting and that the previous recommendation for a 2-year licence, with a review thereafter, be maintained, seconded Cllr Imrie. All in Favour – Motion Carried. (RR2019/064)

E5.2.20 Confirmation of next meeting date:

The next meeting of the council will be on Monday 16th March 2020, 7.30pm at Whiddon Down Village Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.12pm.

Signed as a true record: P. Brennan Chair/Vice Chair

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