

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD on MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2017 at 7.30PM AT HARDHAM GATE, LONDON ROAD, HARDHAM

Those Present: Cllr G Nelson Chairman
Cllr O Dudman
Cllr B Maher
Cllr T Burr

P 16 / 46.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - to receive comments made by members of the public.

None Present

P 16 / 47.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Evans & Hewer.

P 16 / 48.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None received.

P 16 / 49.00 PLANNING

P 16 / 49.01 **SDNP/17/00717/FUL HARDHAM GREEN HOUSE, LONDON ROAD, HARDHAM**

Erection of stable block, construction of sand school and provision of hardstanding.

Cllr Maher presented the plans to the meeting. These were scrutinized.

The meeting noted that this application for a large new stable block, sand school and associated hard standing is against the SD National Park policies DC1 and DC2, members felt that this was equestrian, and therefore not agriculture and too large to be considered recreational, neither did it have regard to the local character being of a very significant size.

Members were of the opinion that contrary to the application, the size of the building would be a very ugly building that spoils a pleasant view, especially when viewed from the National Park, i.e. from the Water Brooks or the South Downs. Also, the position of the proposed building would eliminate any view of the National Park from neighbouring properties; Hardham House, Moseley's Barn and The Piggeries.

Members also felt that the dimensions were more in keeping with a commercial enterprise, but no commercial usage is mentioned in the application, members thought that the size was excessive for personal usage. However, considering the applicant's riding instructor qualifications, members thought that it would be used commercially to run an equestrian establishment.

Members raised concerns regarding increase of vehicle activity accessing the property on a dangerous hidden bend, especially by horse boxes and towed horse-trailers which would find the tight turn hard in one maneuver.

RESOLVED: **To object to SDNP regarding this application with regards to SDNP policies DC1 and DC2, and the overall size and position of the proposed building.**

P 16 / 50.00

OTHER ITEMS

Cllr Nelson advised at a previous Council meeting, that he thought he might have a conflict of interest as a member of the Lodge Hill Committee and his role as Chairman of the Parish Council. He updated members, that the issue had been resolved, he need only step aside from his role on the Lodge Hill Committee, should any financial conflict arise.

Chairman:..... Date:.....