

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD

on WEDNESDAY 24th MARCH 2021 at 7.30PM \* HELD VIRTUALLY

\* The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (Regulation 5)

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| <b>Those Present:</b> | <b>Cllr G Nelson</b><br><b>Cllr J Evans</b><br><b>Cllr C Dennis</b><br><b>Cllr S Hewer</b><br><b>Cllr O Dudman</b><br><b>Cllr A Lane</b> | <b>Chairman</b><br><b>Vice-Chairman</b> |
|                       | <b>Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge</b>  | <b>Clerk</b>                            |
| <b>Parishioners:</b>  | <b>Hannah Rosalie</b><br><b>Kathleen Maher</b><br><b>Lena Hill</b><br><b>Stephen Hill</b>  | <b>Applicant</b>                        |

Before the meeting there was an opportunity for members of the public present to speak with council.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Cllr Dennis welcomed residents to the meeting, asked for comments from those attending.

**Hannah Rosalie**, applicant, wished to reassure the council that she wasn't running a nursery, but a continuation of her childminding business following her move from Bury. She works with the school and Chuckleberries and hopes it will become another amenity for the village. She has tried to be mindful of the neighbours and hopes to fit in to the village. Pertinent points are that the business is only open during term time and closes at 3.30pm; that by restricting the time the garden is in use, to two hours in the morning; and by staggering drop-off and pick up times to reduce the amount of traffic in and out of the property, she minimises the effects of any nuisance to her neighbours.

**Kathleen Maher**, resident, has lived in the village for a number of years, and has problems: due to her son struggling to cope with the noise of children; but also working from home, the noise is an issue during the day. The garden being adjacent to their property, the sound is very close.

**Lena and Stephen Hill**, residents, were happy that a resolution of the noise from the cockerel, had been reached with the applicant, However, the childrens' noise during the day was becoming an issue. Had the property been a school the noise would be expected, but as this is a residential property the noise is more than would be expected. The noise from nine children is much greater than that of a family.

Cllr Dennis thanked everyone for their comments.

### **P 20 / 9.00      TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

### **P 20 / 10.00      TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations were received.

P 20 / 11.00

**PLANNING**

P 20 / 11.01

**SDNP/20/05744/FUL**

**BARN COTTAGE, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM**

Application For:

Retrospective application for the change of use of part existing dwelling (Class C3) for childminding (Class D1)

Cllr Evans highlighted the difficulties with cars slowing down after the bend in the A29. The applicant had already experienced damage to the front wall after an accident. He had spoken to the applicant trying to arrange car parking, for her care team, at the village hall, which had since been actioned. Any parent wishing to access the site via the footpath, would have problems as the pavement is narrow and overgrown which would encourage use of cars. As regards to the noise, he noted that some of this will be from her own children.

Cllr Nelson commented on the issue of noise, it being a balancing act, wishing to support residents' businesses, but equally the noise, which is causing distress to others, and would welcome time to explore a solution for this.

Cllr Dudman noted that clearing the pavement would give more parking options.

Cllr Lane had concerns regarding the parking. The property was purchased with the business in mind, therefore should have made sure the site was suitable for the business which includes parking. When he drops off and picks up his child from school the Sandham Hall car park is full, and so raised concerns that there was sufficient room for another three cars for the care assistants. Noting also that should the business grow then more parking would be required.

The applicant noted that the business would not grow as the number of children is capped by Ofsted.

Cllr Lane wondered if the school should have priority at Sandham Hall over a business. Cllr Dennis noted at the start of school, the cars were well parked at the hall even though full, and more parked in Arun Vale, but by 9am all was clear. Cllr Nelson advised that the issue is a problem in Silverdale.

Cllr Dennis reiterated that the Parish Council represents the community and need to be seen to be fair and equitable to all applications. The Parish Council do not make any decision regarding applications and are only consulted.

Cllr Nelson summed up the discussion, needing to strike a balance between supporting a local business; their need to earn a living; there is clearly a need for this business in terms that it is full; but it must be balanced by the fact that it is a property in a very residential part of the village; and the impacts this has on the neighbours and the car parking.

Cllr Dennis asked if anyone had received other comments from residents, Cllr Nelson advised that other comments had been received which were in line with those already expressed.

Cllr Dennis thanked everyone for attending the meeting and giving their comments and encouraged residents that they should forward their comments to the SDNPA via their planning portal as soon as possible.

Meeting Closed at 8.35 pm.

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

Distributed to those present, also Cllrs Davies, Bowler and Hewitt.