

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD

on MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2018 at 7.30PM

AT FIELD HOUSE, BROCKHURST FARM, WATERSFIELD

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| <b>Those Present:</b> | <b>Cllr G Nelson</b> | <b>Chairman</b>        |
|                       | <b>Cllr T Burr</b>   | <b>Vice Chairman</b>   |
|                       | <b>Cllr S Hewer</b>  |                        |
|                       | <b>Sally Cleaver</b> | <b>School Governor</b> |
|                       | <b>Jackie Rigby</b>  | <b>School parent</b>   |

**P 18 / 01.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - to receive comments made by members of the public.**

Sally Cleaver invited Councillors to view the sign that Coldwaltham St James School proposed to install, which she had brought with her. Supported by Jackie Rigby, she said such a sign, on the A29 at the end of Church Lane, would serve to draw attention to the school in its otherwise hidden location at the far end of the Lane. To attract further pupils from beyond as well as within the parish the school needed to be more obvious. There had been objection on grounds of increased coming and going of traffic, an issue which had become more sensitive since Chuckleberries pre-school had started to use the school premises. But there had been no real friction with the School itself, nor was this to be expected above and beyond the effect of any – in itself desirable - increase in pupil numbers. The School did not overlook the separate concern about the sign's proximity to family graves, but it had to be balanced with the future of the living community as represented by its children. The School could live with the omission of the two lower panels giving less essential information, if that would make the sign more acceptable.

**P 18 / 02.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Evans.

**P 18 / 03.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None received.

**P 18 / 04.00 PLANNING**

**P 18 / 04.01 SDNP/18/01543/ADV GRAVEYARD SITUATED OPPOSITE ST GILES CHURCH, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM**

*Proposed installation of 1x freestanding non-illuminated aluminium sign - AMENDED PLANS.*

Councillors thanked Ms Cleaver and Ms Rigby for their comments and for showing them the sign, then turned to consider the application. Compared with many other schools, often facing on to well-frequented thoroughfares, the school had a low-profile location. The proposal for a sign along the A29 was therefore reasonable. Increased traffic was less likely to be generated by the sign than by increased pupil numbers, which the Council was bound to support. The school had been there since the nineteenth century, and anyone taking up residence in the Lane would, in doing so, have been well aware of its presence and potential for growth. There was understanding for the objection to a sign near family graves, but little scope for moving it. The modification offered by the School was a reasonable response, while still providing an effective sign.

**RESOLVED:** To endorse the case for the sign, and to support it subject to omission of the two secondary panels.

**P 18 / 04.02 SDNP/18/02974/HOUS JAPONICA COTTAGE, OLD LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM**

*Erection of a two storey rear extension and erection of detached workshop/carport (amendment to previously approved SDNP/15/02654/HOUS).*

Councillor Burr presented these plans to the meeting. The Council noted that what had begun in the nineteenth century as two small cottages had in course of time been extended, converted into a single house, and now a 40 per cent increase in floor area was proposed. While only a single case of a more general process, which fell to be addressed through wider planning policy rather than by singling out particular applications, it served to illustrate a probable factor in the shortage of affordable housing. The separate proposal for a substantial workshop and carport on the same site did however look out of scale and should be questioned.

**RESOLVED:** Not to object to the extension, but to draw the Planning Authority's attention to the policy implications of such incremental development. Some reduction in the scale of the proposed ancillary building should however be sought.

**P 18 / 04.03 SDNP/18/02941/DCOND LAND ADJOINING 10 AND 11 SILVERDALE, COLDWALTHAM**

*Variation of Condition 1 on planning consent SDNP/14/04497/FUL*

Councillor Burr explained that this application had arrived at a late stage and had been placed on the agenda before its significance could be evaluated. It had proved to deal only with the layout of garden boundaries in respect of access to underground utilities on the Silverdale development, on which he suggested that the Council simply offer no comment

**RESOLVED:** To offer no comment on this application.

**P 18 / 05.00 OTHER ITEMS**

None.

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