

MINUTES OF PITTON WARD PLANNING MEETING – 17 JUNE 2008

Present:

Mr A G Shaw
Mr D Cole
Mr M Hart

Chairman

Apologies:

Mr D Goulden

8 Members of the Public

Introduction

1. The meeting was called to consider four planning applications:
 - a. S/08/0998 The Former Methodist Hall. Reduction in ground level and provision of lay-by.
 - b. S/08/0993 Taylors Farm House Removal of Willow Tree.
 - c. S/08/1032 Taylors Farm House Replacement Garage
 - d. S/08/1032 Parsonage Farm Felling of Hawthorn

Declarations of Interest

2. There were no declarations of interest.

S/08/0998 The Former Methodist Hall

Public Statements

3. The following comments were made by the public:
 - a. The changes to the Traffic Plan submitted with the application envisaged 40 children, instead of 32, being brought to the school by one mini-bus and the remainder by private cars. The previous plan was based on all the children being transported by mini-bus.
 - b. Assurance was required that the lay-by will not be used for parking.
 - c. It was noted that the root of the tree that was felled will be removed as part of the work on the playground adjacent to the school building.
 - d. The representative from the school said that conversion work should be finished

by the end of July and an OFSTED inspection planned for August.

- e. The statements in the application's covering proposal concerning the extensive local consultations, and the proposal being a useful addition to the village were considered to be disingenuous.

Committee Discussion

4. It was noted that there were several discrepancies in the planning application:
 - a. Box 3 stated that work has not started – work is in progress.
 - b. Box 8 stated that the Parish Council have been consulted – no consultation has taken place. This distressed the committee.
 - c. Box 16 stated that trees have not been removed – a tree has been felled. This is also a matter of concern.
 - d. Drawing 5560/11/1 still refers to the area in front of the Hall as a parking area.
5. The absence of consultation with the residents was noted. Also the legality of the Travel Plan was questioned. If permission is based on the current Travel Plan would any significant change to the number of pupils or the mode of transport invalidate the planning permission? How will the Travel Plan be enforced? The Chairman will take this up with the Parish Clerk.

Action Chairman

Decision

6. The application is recommended for approval, subject to confirmation by the Highways Officer confirming the suitability of the lay-by and taking into account the changes to the Travel Plan, particularly the use of a mini-bus and private cars.

S/08/0993 Taylors Farm Removal of Willow Tree

Public Statements

7. Mr Martin, the owner of the property, explained that regrettably the tree was likely to damage the foundations of the house and the underground waste pipes.

Committee Discussion

8. The committee had no comments and supported the application.

Decision

9. The application is recommended for approval.

S/08/1032 Taylors Farm Replacement Garage

Public Statements

10. Mr Martin, the owner of the property, outlined the proposal to erect a garage storage area and summerhouse.

Committee Discussion

11. It was noted that the immediate neighbour, Miss Combes, supported the proposal and that it was unlikely that the proposed position of the building would be subject to flooding. The proposed building would be in keeping with the surroundings.

Decision

12. The application is recommended for approval.

S/08/1040 Parsonage Farm Felling of Hawthorn

Public Statements

13. There were no statements.

Committee Discussion

14. The committee had no comments and supported the application.

Decision

15. The application is recommended for approval.

Any Other Business

16. Councillor Cole raised the question of the Parish Council's collective view on the use of the Village Hall field by the school being established in the former Methodist Hall and recommended a PC meeting to discuss this single issue. The Chairman will take this up with the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk.

Action Chairman

A G Shaw
Chairman

