

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council held at Chidham Village Hall on 6th June 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Linda Wilkinson (Chairman) Cllr Ina Littlefield
Cllr Geoffrey Hyde Cllr Jacky Sheppard
Cllr Andy Collins

Also present: Penny Plant (CDC), Claire Murphy, Headteacher of Chidham Parochial Primary School and six members of the public.

123.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Cliff Archer and Cllr Jane Towers, Viral Parikh (WSCC) and Jonathan Brown (CDC).

124.17 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, if any:

- a) There were no declarations of interest
- b) There were no dispensation requests

125.17 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th June 2017

Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 16th May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

126.17 Open Forum

A member of the public challenged the Parish Council's decision to request that Councillor Andy Collins (CDC) "red carded" the planning application for the proposed development at the Greenacre Nursery Site and also questioned whether correct procedure was followed. It was noted that the Parish Council had acted on advice received by Planning Officers at Chichester District Council.

Several representations were made by members of the public in respect of Chidham Parochial School traffic. A number of these same residents had also made representations at the Full Parish Council Meeting on 1st June 2017. It was noted that the Parish Council would be forwarding all comments made at the Full Parish Council Meeting, this Planning Meeting and in other communications, to the Highways Department at West Sussex County Council at a collaborative meeting on 16th June 2017 and would also be discussing any identified suggestions.

Concerns were stated that current measures to be introduced by the Safer Routes to School Team were not extensive enough. It was also noted that there had been factual inaccuracies in the Transport Statement accompanying the planning application WSCC/22/017/CH relating to the school expansion and that the document had subsequently been amended and an extension given for comments to be submitted.

A resident of Chidham Lane, who had been extremely active over previous weeks in producing reports and forwarding personal suggestions in respect of the School traffic, voiced her ongoing

concerns. She reported that she felt very strongly about road safety as she had been knocked down by a car as a child and wished to see more measures put in place before the school was expanded. A number of photographs were circulated of incidents in which cars parked near the school had created difficulties for commercial vehicles trying to drive along the lane. A viewpoint was expressed in response suggesting that the fact the commercial vehicles had been slowed right down meant that it was actually safer for pedestrians accessing the school than if the same vehicles had been driving at the existing speed limit of 30mph or perhaps even faster. It was noted that the flashing lights which are scheduled to be installed for the start of next academic year would reduce traffic to 20mph outside the school either end of the school day.

Another resident expressed his support for the suggestion that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was put in place to limit vehicles stopping in Chidham Lane at school drop off and pick up times to resident's vehicles and those with disabilities. School traffic would then be required to park elsewhere in the Parish thus potentially requiring the installation of a new pelican crossing across the A259 and purchase of land to create a new car parking area. He stated that in his opinion a 'proper traffic scheme' and 'proper infrastructure' needed to be in place before the Parish Council supported the school expansion and that the Parish Council 'should be able to afford this'. Concern was voiced that a TRO would in fact create significant problems elsewhere in the Parish and would greatly increase safety issues and problems. It was also expressed that introduction of a TRO and supportive measures would be extremely expensive.

It was commented by a resident that there was a long history of traffic issues in Chidham Lane and not just those involving school traffic. She expressed that the transport statement doesn't identify where the additional cars using the school following the expansion will park. She remarked that in her view the pupils were owed 'a greater duty of care'.

The father of the child who had been knocked down outside the school stated that the accident had happened at eight o'clock in the morning and therefore before normal school drop off time and he personally felt that safety issues were not a particular concern in Chidham Lane. He stated that he drove his child to school every morning and that he considered the school traffic in the vicinity of the school was not as bad as at many other school locations. He rarely experienced any difficulties with exiting onto the A259 from Chidham Lane with normally only two or three cars waiting at any one time.

Another parent spoke who was part of the Parent Group set up at Chidham Parochial Primary School and which coordinates a system of volunteer parents to monitor the drop off by pupils at the school in the morning. She stated that the morning system works very well and normally the traffic flows nicely. She also commented that she felt any problems are not as significant as at other schools. In her opinion she considered a Traffic Regulation Order would endanger the children. In response to questioning she stated that she only noted queues of five cars at the most building up about every two weeks.

Planning Applications

127.17 WSCC/022/17/CH

Double Modular Building to provide two classrooms, WCs, Cloakroom and Store Cupboards at Chidham Parochial Primary School

Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council raises no objection to the proposed building works at the Chidham Parochial Primary School to accommodate additional pupils.

Concerns have been raised with the Parish Council in respect of traffic issues in Chidham Lane. The Parish Council therefore confirms its commitment to monitoring the safe access to the School by pedestrians and cyclists along Chidham Lane and school traffic issues in the short, medium and longer term. It requests that Highway and the Safer Routes to School Team continue to work with the Parish Council, the School and local residents to monitor the situation and assess and identify what, if any, improvements need to be implemented.

128.17 CH/17/01343/FUL

Mr & Mrs Roger & Francesca Leek
Gables Chidham Lane Chidham PO18 8TQ
Replacement dwelling with detached garage.

The Parish Council raises no objection to this planning application. It draws attention to the previous comments submitted by the Parish Council to the original planning application and emphasises the need for suitable screening of the site.

129.17 CH/17/00852/FUL

Mr M Hopkins
Paddock View Drift Lane Bosham Chichester
Variation of condition 2 from planning permission CH/12/01036/FUL, appeal ref APP/L3815/A/12/2179869. To make the permission permanent.

The Parish Council objects to the application to make permission permanent. It recommends a further six year temporary extension of planning permission.

130.17 Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

131.17 Planning Decisions

The CDC Planning Decisions made since the last Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting were noted.

132.17 Chairman's Report

No further matters were raised by the Chairman.

133.17 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Planning Committee meeting would be on Tuesday 27th June at 7.00 pm in Chidham Village Hall.

(Chairman)

(Date)