

# **MEETING of DITCHEAT PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

MEETING (VIRTUAL) OF DITCHEAT PARISH COUNCIL HELD **REMOTELY**, as per the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) England Regulations 2020, ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson – Councillor Evans (CE) and Councillors – Clark (HC), Hughes (LH), Harrison (HH), Dando (JD), Hutton (RH), Derham (JDr) and James (RJ).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Miss P Griffiths – Clerk to the Council.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Two members of the public attended/observed the meeting. Mr M Williams, agent for the application for planning application agenda Item 081/20 a) 1), addressed the PC to explain the policy issues pertaining to this application.

079/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None.

080/20 CODE OF CONDUCT – Declarations of interest and dispensations.

- a) Declarations of interest on items included on the agenda - RH declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 081/20 a) 1) as a friend and as a hydropower consultant to the applicant of the planning application. HC declared a personal interest in Item 081/20 a) 3) as her husband is a Vice-President of the Castle Cary Rugby Football Club (CCRFC).
- b) Requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests - none.

081/20 PLANNING

- a) APPLICATIONS: the following planning applications were considered: -  
RH left the meeting.

- 1) Full application – Erection of detached single storey dwelling (retirement home with age restriction on occupation) with associated access and landscaping, The Mill House, Alhampton. Ref: 2020/0827/FUL. **Outcome:** Recommend approval with the following comments: that approval is given based on the very particular and limited circumstances of this application and is not to be seen as any general acceptance by Ditchheat Parish Council of departures from the Development Plan.

RH returned to the meeting.

- 2) Demolition of existing building and erection of 7no. dwelling houses with associated vehicular access and parking (revised scheme). The Queens Arms Wraxall Road, Wraxall. Ref: 2020/0960/FUL. **Outcome:** Recommend approval with the following comments: Approval is recommended subject to the matter of the provision for vehicular access and egress from and to the A37 being reconsidered as in the opinion of the Parish Council this would allow a dangerous situation to be continued. Access on to the A37 at the crossroads itself is difficult at times and any opportunity to minimise/remove problems with access on to the very busy A37 should be taken.

HC left the meeting.

- 3) Full application - Raising of rugby pitches and creation of grass bank to provide viewing platform. Castle Cary Rugby Football Club, Station Road to West Lane, Alhampton. Ref: 2020/1034/FUL. **Outcome:** Recommend approval with the following comments:
  - The Parish Council supports the CCRFC and the application however the Council is very concerned that any enhancement to the club will attract greater public support and use of the club which will lead to increase in vehicles travelling to the Club. There

is already a considerable problem, due to lack of parking on the site, of vehicles causing a serious hazard on the road by vehicles parking along the road when events are taking place.

- The Parish Council requests that all efforts should be made to make it a condition that the Club must address the problem of members of the public parking on the road verge by the club if approval of the application is granted.

HC returned to the meeting.

- 4) Prior approval application – Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3). Barn 3, Land at Snagg Lane, Alhampton Ref: 2020/0976/PAA. This application was noted. The Clerk will contact MDC to request that the PC be consulted on any future planning applications for this site. **Action: The Clerk.**

082/20 ANY URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT - None.

Signed: to Ditchheat Parish Council.

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

DATE OF THE NEXT FULL (VIRTUAL) MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.30 pm to be held remotely due to COVID-19 unless otherwise advised.

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