

**Minutes of Councillors' Planning Meeting
Held on 28th July 2015 @ 9.30am in Church Hall**

In attendance:

Alan Redpath
Susan Davenport
Marc Atkinson (*part*)
Chris Pamplin (*part*)
Philippa Tyrwhitt-Drake
Richard Bartlett
Dominic Carney

Apologies:

David Cooke
Sharon Sillence

(The meeting was quorate throughout the proceedings)

Invitees:

George Bartlett (representing Forge and Cricket Ground Association and East Meon Cricket Club)

Purpose of Meeting

To receive a brief from the Planning Sub-Committee on the recent application for development at The Forge and decide on the Parish Council's response to same.

Special note

Richard Bartlett declared an interest in this matter, as a close neighbour of the property in question. He therefore informed the meeting that he would not be participating in the proceedings, nor voting. However the councillors agreed that as a member of public (GB) was present it was still appropriate for RB to observe the proceedings.

Summary

Planning Committee members gave an overview of their assessment of the application. In addition, George Bartlett was asked to contribute his assessment on behalf of the Cricket Club and the Association (The Parish Council is the Trustee of the East Meon Cricket Ground).

The application was viewed as being in contravention of numerous Planning Policy guidelines. Specifically, these included guidelines on Conservation, Site, Design and Visual Impact, and Use.

It was also noted that the new application, in seeking to address the risks of the property being hit by cricket balls, contained modifications to the previous plans that made the living space even less acceptable than prior.

Following discussion, the Planning Committee recommended that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds of unsuitability.

Vote

The recommendation was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

Actions

- Planning Committee to draft a response to SDNPA and circulate to full Parish Council for acceptance. (Target date for draft circulation is 2nd August; there is understood to be an amended deadline of submission of 14th August, to be confirmed with SDNPA by Susan D).
- Planning Committee to contact professional planning consultant and contract for services as appropriate if deemed necessary (Planning Committee has discretionary spend of £500).
- Chair to seek support from District Councillor.
- As a matter of resident interest Marc Atkinson to post under 'news' of the application on the village website.
- Planning Committee will continue to communicate with the Association and Cricket Club and other local interested parties as appropriate.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 10.45am