

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 19th April 2006 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present Lt G.E. Vere-Laurie (Chairman), Mr E. Holland, Mr C.N. Hemstock, Mrs A. O'Brien, Mr J Fairhurst, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor) Mrs S. Beresford (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Mr R Boothroyd, Mrs C Fitzpatrick

Declaration of Items on the agenda- NONE.

Planning

a) Demolition of stables, conversion and extension to barn and erection of 2 houses (three in total)- Land Adjacent to the Old Forge, Carlton-on-Trent.

All Parish Councillors present perused the plans made available. Following a lengthy discussion, which involved the members of the public present, all Parish Councillors elected unanimously to oppose the application on the following grounds.

New Planning legislation discourages proposals such as this on account of the Sustainability of the area. This village location has no shops, schools, public transport is poorly represented and there is a lack of public amenities therefore Carlton-on-Trent is not a sustainable community which is a valid reason for objection.

The access to the proposed site (up a narrow lane) is a shared drive for 3 properties and is of a considerable narrow width and very close proximity to "The Old Forge". This new development would substantially increase traffic down the narrow lane not to mention service vehicles, refuse collection and contractors when building the properties. Those present required clarification about the details on the plans regarding the walkway around the telephone box and liability regarding the Old Forge occupants if they were to open their fuel shed door, which opens directly into the lane. Concern was voiced about the already overloaded Severn Trent Water and Sewage system which is constantly under extreme pressure to cope with the existing waste in the village and also the increase flooding risk (the addition of hard surfaces in the village reduces drainage).

Neighbours attending the meeting have seen Bats and Owls coming out of the arm despite the Environmental report stating that these are not present. The culvert on the plans is in an inaccurate position to the account of ½ metre.

The plans do not indicate the materials to be used in the new development or indeed the elevations of the proposed buildings. The impact on neighbouring properties would overlook the Croft front garden and directly affect the outlook.

Any Other Planning Business

Decisions made

a) Erection of Conservatory to rear- Endlich, Main Street- APPROVED.

b) Application referred to Planning Committee- The Maltings, Ferry Lane, Hearing 25th April 2006 at 4.00pm, Council Chamber, Kelham Hall.

Any Other Business

a) Sewage Overflow- Severn Trent.

The Chairman expressed dissatisfaction that Severn Trent have chosen to disregard the emails and letters sent by himself and the clerk as no reply has been made. The Parish Council report that some residents have received £25 compensation but not all and some have received a letter response. The District Councillor, Mrs C Rose to write to Severn Trent asking for clarification of events and to find out why the clerk and Chairman have not received responses to their correspondence.

b) Village Hall Fees

£10 fees for the meeting held this evening- Proposed by Mr E Holland and seconded by Mrs A O'Brien.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10pm