

Wootton Rivers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th June 2018

Present:

Cindy Creasy	Chair
David Butler	Vice-Chair
Dean Cowley	Councillor
Nick Jones	Councillor
Glenn Leech	Councillor
Steve Rawlings	Councillor
Anne Swift	Councillor
Neil Worthington	Clerk

1. Apologies None received

2. Declarations of Interest and the granting of dispensations.

Councillors were reminded of the Code for Conduct and the need to declare any interest relating to the items on the Agenda.

- Anne Swift and Glenn Leech had declared an interest in item 3a of the Agenda (planning application at the Old Chapel).
- Cindy Creasy had declared an interest in item 3b of the Agenda (planning application 2 Manor Farm Cottages).

These Councillors had therefore withdrawn from the meeting when these items were discussed. David Butler took the chair when Cindy Creasy had withdrawn.

No further interests were declared.

2. Planning

Construction of parking space at The Old Chapel, Forest Road – Application No 18/04605/FUL

A visit to the location had been made prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the original parking area for the Old Chapel had been sold and a new area was needed to avoid on-road parking. The new scheme was considered to be of a good design and would require the existing road drain to be rebuilt which would be an improvement. It was noted that one small tree needed to be removed but 2 new trees were to be planted as replacements. Following discussion, it was agreed that the overall appearance of the scheme would be improved if as much of the existing hedgerow as possible could be retained and that consideration should be given to planting a new hedge around the parking place.

It was therefore proposed by Nick Jones that the Parish Council response should be to support the application but that a comment should be added in favour of retaining and extending the hedges. Steve Rawlings seconded the motion and there was a unanimous vote in favour.

First Floor bedroom and Car Port extension at 2 Manor Farm Cottages – Application No 18/05119/FUL

A visit to the location had been made prior to the meeting.

It was noted that a substantial beech hedge screened the house and the applicants confirmed there were no plans to remove or reduce it in height. The materials proposed seemed to be in compliance with the NDP and the ridge height was noted as being lower than the existing roof line.

Following discussion, it was suggested that the opening in the car port wall adjoining the churchyard should be bricked in to prevent the possibility of persons falling. (Post meeting note – following a representation from the Church Warden it was noted that this would restrict access for maintenance to the retaining wall and should not therefore be carried out. It was proposed that a fence would be erected to stop the risk of falling).

It was therefore proposed by Anne Swift that the Parish Council response should be to support the application, Steve Rawlings seconded the motion and there was a unanimous vote in favour.

Date of the next meeting – 16th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.