

Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 12 August 2014 at 7pm in the Reading Room

Present:

Chmn: Cllr Patrick Boyles

Vice Chmn: Cllr Mike Lennard

Cllr Sir Richard Packer

Cllr Lyn Taylor

Cllr Kevin Hawkins

Public present: Architect, Mr John Comparelli.

Public Forum: Mr John Comparelli was invited to outline the proposed plans for Portash as per the planning application. He mentioned that the entrance beside the house would be closed and instead, the existing northern entry would be opened up and any gate installed would be set back 8 metres from the road with a widened visibility splay. Members of the Parish Council attended a site meeting on Monday 11 August and had been shown around by Mr Comparelli and Mr Twin, the Project Manager and these proposals had been pointed out.

1. Apologies: Cllr E Pelham, Cllr E Jack.
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Planning Application
14/06698 Portash, Chilmark SP3 5BW – Enlargement of existing single storey extn, changes to various openings, creation of parking space, erect garage, pool house and tennis court.

The Chmn mentioned that Mr Penny of Ellen Thai has expressed concern about the proposed northern entrance. Cllr E Pelham expressed concerns about interference with spring lines and the impact that redirected water runoff could have on the village. She recommended an hydrological survey be carried out.

Cllr Sir RP had no comments to make about the changes to the house. He said however the proposed tennis court and swimming pool would create an area of hard standing which could affect water runoff, though it was difficult to identify a satisfactory condition which might in practice be imposed to deal with the point; nevertheless he sympathised with the comments of Cllr Pelham.

Sir RP proposed that the PC supports the application on condition that the planners impose a condition that the entrance gate is set back from the road 8 metres and that the hedge either side be removed up to the two trees shown on the plan. Further conditions should be imposed such that any replacement border would be of such a nature not to impact on the visibility splay created by the removal of the hedgerows. Cllr ML seconded and all agreed.

The Chmn said that whilst we probably could not insist on a condition that a hydrological survey be carried out, we should point out that members are very concerned about the possibility of existing spring lines being disturbed by the

proposed tennis courts and pool and that planners should consider an hydrological survey to satisfy themselves that the proposed works would not have an adverse effect on groundwater flows to the detriment of flood risk in the area. All agreed.

14/06449/Ful Corner Cottage, Becketts Lane, Chilmark SP3 5BD

Demolish existing extension on east end and erect new single storey side extension – resubmission of 14/04094 – Members had no comment.

14/07038/TCA Chilmark Church of England School, The Street – fell 1
weeping willow tree in playground. Members had no comment.

14/07125 Fieldside, The Street, Chilmark, SP3 5AU

Extn to existing garage/shed and conversion to annex 2. The PC has not received any objections from neighbours. This is an extension in a suburban area and causes no visual impact. Members had no comment.

4. Nomination to Community First for the Arthur Laflin Volunteer Award

All members agreed that Mrs Sally Butcher's name should be put forward as worthy for this award as she has given unstinting service for over 15 years on the Children's Playground Committee. As Chair, she has raised funds, held fundraising activities, enhanced and completely overhauled the equipment. It is a vital facility for the youngsters and families in the community.

Robbie's Endeavour Trophy

Carl Jacobs is worthy of this award for inspiring the project for the Cricket Club and raising at least £8,000 towards the facilities. He helps to promote the sport in the village and surrounding communities.

5. AOB. None

6. Date of next PC meeting: Wednesday 3 September 2014 at 7pm in the Reading Room.

Date:

Chairman: