

EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

5.00 p.m. TUESDAY, 27th APRIL 2021

Virtual Meeting held on: Tuesday, 27th April, 17:00 via Zoom.

MINUTES

1. **Attendance:** Cllr. Susan Cooper, Cllr. Martin Hainge, Cllr. Philip Jarvis, Cllr. Karen Titcomb (Chair), Cllr. Andrew Watson.
2. **Apologies:** None.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed.
4. **Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting:** Cllr. Titcomb will send out the agreed email to Thakeham Homes re: the proposed development at Mount Road.
5. **Corner of Woolton Hill Road and Tile Barn Row.** Stakeholder information prior to formal planning application. Proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation for H3G UK.

The formal planning application response letter has now been received from Basingstoke & Deane. The letter states that Committee has until the 17th May to respond. However, it is noted that the information produced by the Applicant gives the impression that the time limit is much shorter.

- a) Cllr. Cooper will contact Gainsborough Stud to inform them of the importance of responding to this application if they if they wish to object.
 - b) Cllr. Cooper will contact the Planning Officer dealing with the matter regarding the last date for the Committee's comment to be received.
 - c) Cllr. Hainge to go through the documents submitted with the application in order to inform the Committee at its next meeting of the detail involved in the application.
6. **21/01271/PIP - Site adjacent to Summerfield, Hatt Common.** Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of a single dwelling.

Object:

1. This proposed development would constitute continued development in the countryside, well outside the agreed Settlement Policy Boundary (SPB). The Parish Council and our community agreed the Woolton Hill SPB in the Local Plan in order to contain development within that boundary and thereby protect the countryside and the AONB. Further development would not only undermine the very purpose of the SPB, but effectively ignore it altogether, making community involvement in agreeing the SPB entirely redundant.

2. There is no locally agreed need for further housing in the Parish, which has an insufficient supporting infrastructure - including local public transport (which is extremely limited), doctors' surgeries, schools, roads and drainage.
3. Whilst Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) may be under pressure to deliver more housing, East Woodhay Parish has more than satisfied its quota, delivering a substantial new stock of housing. This has been confirmed by BDBC in their Authority Monitoring Report 2019-2020 (see Section 5.120 and Table 5.28 (at Page 76)).
4. This Parish Council is trying to prevent further urbanisation of the countryside within our Parish – this, and other development proposals of this type in the area, do not fit with the spirit of the Local Plan nor the Neighbourhood Plan which is in preparation. Nor does it fit with the East Woodhay Village Design Statement.
5. Following the number of applications for development of this type which have been raised, the Committee can no longer support applications for building of this type on sites within the Parish, especially those which are outside the SPB and are in the countryside, other than in exceptional circumstances.

Whilst the Planning Committee is extremely saddened to read of the difficulties experienced by the applicant, these difficulties are not relevant considerations for planning purposes. Therefore, the Planning Committee, on behalf of East Woodhay Parish Council, object to this application for the reasons stated above and to ensure consistency of response across the Parish.

7. 21/01062/HSE - Little Oxleas, Church Road, Woolton Hill, RG20 9XQ.

Erection of single storey front extension.

No comments or objections.

8. Items for next Agenda:

a) **21/01417/TENO – Land at Tile Barn Road, Woolton Hill.** Proposed 18m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.

b) **21/01064/HSE – Cottage Farm House, North End Road, North End.** Erection of single story garden room.

c) **21/01286/HSE – Tall Trees, Gore End Road, Ball Hill, RG20 0PG.** Single storey rear kitchen extension and garden room.

9. Date of next meeting: 5.30 p.m. Monday, 10th May, Woolton Hill Church Hall.