



Oakley and Deane Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2nd May 2019

Present: Mr. Hewitt (Chairman), Mr. Bealing, Mr. Harding, Mr. Law and Ms. Tofts . Four members of the public attended the meeting

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. Bullions and from Mrs. Taylor (Borough Councillor).

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April** , having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

3. Planning Applications

19/00939/FUL East Oakley Village Hall. Erection of a single storey side extension for WC accommodation to Village Hall, and external steps. Members had no comments and no objections.

4. The Committee noted the following decisions:

18/03528/GPADW	Notification of proposed change of use of Agricultural Building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operation development. Bulls Bushes Farm.	Granted
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5. To consider any other planning issues:

- a) **4 Springfield:** the clerk informed members that there was a site visit due to the premises on Friday 10th May and Mr. Hewitt will attend. Mr. Hewitt and either Ms. Tofts or the clerk will attend the DC meeting on 15th May to give the Parish's objections. It was agreed that the clerk should prepare a paper for the Committee to review outlining the reasons for objection. The clerk agreed to inform the neighbours once she had the visit schedule, so that they could ensure they were in and could request that the councillors saw the proposals from their property. We understand that even if the Certificate of Lawfulness Application goes ahead, the Party Wall Act still applies so proper notice must be given, and compensation for loss of earnings etc.
- b) **19/01037/AGPD:** Grain store at Steventon. The clerk received from Steventon PC a draft objection which she forwarded to all members. Mr. Law proposed, and all members agreed, that the Committee should support the objections particularly on the vehicle movements on the narrow lane, but also regarding the dangerous junction with the B3400.
- c) **The Fox PH:** Mr Law asked whether any formal application had been sent out regarding the future of the pub which is currently closed. The clerk confirmed that there had not, and that her understanding was that the company who had taken over the Fullers Brewery were still looking for tenants to take over the pub. Mr. Law asked that a note should be sent to the Borough, confirming the Parish Council's wish that the pub was retained and not sold off for housing. Members agreed, and the clerk will find out who to contact at BDBC.
- d) **Community Action Plan:** the clerk informed members that she had contacted BDBC to see if they would help with siting a Parish Office on the current green space between Holbrook House and the Vale shops. No response has been received to date, but all members agreed that a Parish Office was a priority and that the Planning Committee would support such a project.

- e) Response to the letter sent to BDBC and MP: the clerk spoke to Mr. Evans, Head of Planning at the Borough, and he informed her he had not received her letter. She scanned a copy to him, and he agreed to respond before the Parish meeting on May 9th. There has been no response from MP Kit Malthouse.

6. Date of the next meeting was agreed to be Thursday 16th May2019.