



FULKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fulking Parish Council

Planning Meeting

Held in the Village Hall, Fulking

On Wednesday

6th January 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Kate Watson (Chairman) Councillors Linda Dyos, Miles Firth, Mark Hind, and Clerk to the Council, Derek Blackhall

15 members of the public were present

Apologies for Absence: Michael Trist (Vice Chair)

Declaration of interest: None

Meeting opened at 7.00 pm

The minutes of the planning meeting held on 2nd December 2015 having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and **SIGNED**.

The following matter was discussed:-

Notice of Planning Appeal against Refusal to grant planning consent and Notice of Planning Appeal against Enforcement Notice served

Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/Y9507/W/15/3005938 and APP/Y9507/C/15/3062034

Planning Application Reference: SDNP/14/03055/FUL & SDNP/15/00071/OPDEV

Name of Appellant(s): Mr and Mrs N Mitchell

Description of Application: Change of use of land to private gypsy and traveller caravan site consisting of 2no. pitches each of which to contain 1no. mobile home, 1no. touring caravan and 1no. amenity building, including hard standing and associated development.
And
Appeal against enforcement notice regarding the material change of use of the land from pasture to a mixed use of pasture and use for the stationing of 2 caravans occupied for residential purposes.

Site at: Land To The East Of Market Gardens, Clappers Lane, Fulking, West Sussex,

The Chairman summarised the considerable history leading up to this appeal, and explained the hearing is to be an informal event as opposed to a public inquiry. MSDC will defend their previous refusal; and noted they had now approved the Market Garden application-which came as a surprise. MSDC do not want an inquiry. The DCLG inspector leads on this, there is no advance warning of format or content, but the inspector has all previous documents. There is a MSDC list of minimum requirements should the appeal be upheld.

The following points were made in discussion:

- it was felt this application would set another undesirable precedent if approved
- some confusion over SDNP and MSDC number of required traveller sites
- family life claims could be an issue

- if this became a legal dispute it would probably be lost on cost grounds (barrister versus legal team)
- the site guidance suggests much care required in respect of rural area allocations
- need to understand how many sites are actually required in Clappers Lane and the village
- MSDC have compiled a list of requirements in case the appeal is upheld
- it appears the land has been split several ways in order to assist traveller applications
- the number of mobile homes/caravans/amenity buildings seems excessive [for 6 occupants]; there should be no more than 4?
- it was felt Fulking has 'done its bit' and other Downland villages should be considered instead
- invite the inspector to visit the site.

It was noted that three members of the Parish Council and two other residents were attending the appeal hearing.

Meeting closed at 7.56pm

Signed Date.....

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