



FULKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fulking Parish Council

Planning Meeting

Held in the Village Hall, Fulking

On Wednesday

9th September 2015 at 6.30pm

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

8 members of the public were present

Apologies for Absence: None

Declaration of interest: None

Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

The minutes of the planning meeting held 10th June 2015 having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and **SIGNED**.

The following application was discussed:-

SDNP/15/04159/FUL Market Gardens Clappers Lane Fulking Henfield West Sussex BN5 9NH

The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 1 No. gypsy pitch together with a utility/dayroom along with the retention of existing storage sheds ancillary to that use at Market Gardens, Clappers Lane, Fulking, Henfield BN5 9NH.

There were no speakers or website entries.

The Chairman summarised the history of this application, and adjourned the meeting at 6.34pm in order for members of the public to speak.

The following points were made by members of the public:

- MSDC had been too lax in respect of gypsy sites over many years
- Temporary renewal seemed to be the likely outcome again
- Concerns regarding the site being run as a business and the use of bright yellow paint
- What is the current status of this application at MSDC?
- The Parish council should consider objecting on the original grounds again and lobby MSDC to speed up the identification of alternative/additional gypsy sites
- MSDC cannot enforce; it would be too expensive to try-but residents do not seek eviction
- It is unacceptable for the residents to seek permanency
- Only current children should be considered-not future generations

The meeting was formally reopened at 6.58pm.

The Parish Council made the following observations:

- MSDC are still working towards alternative/additional sites; This is not a quick fix as new sites are essential
- There are no new sites yet or vacancies on current sites
- The applicants have chosen not to be on a waiting list
- MSDC are prepared to consider a retrospective application

The outcome was a unanimous vote by Councillors to **object** to this application as it goes against the MSDC Local Plan:

- Policy aims 3.20
- Protection of the Countryside 3.23
- Areas with special qualities 3.25
- Areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONBs) 3.32
- Management of the AONBs 3.41
- H14 criteria.

It also contravenes the National Planning Policy Framework

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It was further noted that permission was granted in the previous application, over 3 years ago, to build a utility block-this has not happened and so is currently considered to be quite unnecessary.

All comments made in respect of previous applications still stand.

FPC also noted that MSDC have been very slow to issue the 'call for sites' over many years which has contributed directly to the current situation. MSDC should be encouraged to rectify this ongoing situation as a matter of some urgency.

M Trist had attended MSDC with a view to speak against the application for mobile homes to be sited at Conifers. Despite having registered to speak at the beginning of the meeting, MT was denied the opportunity to speak, as the chairman of the Planning Committee said that, the committee being unanimous in their decision to object to the application, I would not be needed to speak. MT felt aggrieved at this, stating that he felt that the democratic process had been at fault.

Meeting closed at 7.28pm

Signed Date.....

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