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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COMMUNITY ROOM VILLAGE HALL 83 HIGH STREET COLNEY HEATH AL4 0NS ON THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2015 at 7.45pm

Present:-Cllr M Nash-Vice Chair & Lead Member-Cllr D Crump-*Cllr C Brazier- Cllr P Cook-
Cllr D Horner-Note-*Currently in Council there is one new member Vacancy*

**(District Council members also)*

Clerk: Mr J E Dean-Present at meeting

Deputy Clerk-Apologies

Public Attendance: Mr Wancio Mrs G Moody

1690 APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The special meeting called to debate items on the list particular to 1692. The planning list is presented for guidance from the District Planning list available to all public.

1691 DECLARATIONS

There is one declaration that Cllr Cook who has an application to be considered to-night is granted a dispensation to be allowed to be present. Normal practise in the circumstances is to offer no comment or any influence to the debate which was agreed. Cllr Brazier also said he would leave the meeting prior to the debate on application 5/2015/0594 as being a district member on planning.

1692 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

From a list provided earlier by the Deputy Clerk and in the usual format members went through the applications considering the aspects of each in turn. Two applications were set aside to be considered in greater depth.

5/2015/0594 Two Storey rear extension, single storey side extension and conversion to Garage for habitable accommodation and alterations to openings at 20 Maslen Road AL4 0GT St Albans.

5/2015/0644 Construction of 29 Dwellings at Radio Nurseries & 54 Oaklands Lane (OPP)

In debate, the final comments of the meeting are made and have been noted on the District Council Planning Portal for all to read.

The Chair Cllr Nash was very keen to emphasise that we are not a planning authority and have no powers to decide but only offer observations to the planning dep't from the debate. The application **5/2015/0644** for Radio Nurseries covered issues of new dwellings in the Green Belt, members wished this, and past comments to be noted by the District. Again, in particular the Green Belt and planning risk of coalescence between green corridors. It should be noted that Cllr Brazier a member of the District Planning Committee left the meeting before the following item was debated.

The application **5/2015/0594** was debated at length with both a neighbour near Maslen Road Mr Wancio and Mr Cook Applicant-(Member of this parish council and under dispensation procedure) being given much and extended and equal time to put both their considerations on the past and present application and to address the council.

Some impassioned remarks and comments resulted from both sides. With issues of the controversial nature of the application on this particular estate of homes built some 15 years ago which do remain in the Green Belt? In conclusion, the advisory committee decided to request "a call in" to the District Council Planning Committee to deliver a fair and technical appraisal in line with district planning policy. Something that CHPC was not able to deliver. Separately the District Member had already called the application in at an earlier stage through his powers as a St Albans District Councillor. It was also explained by the Clerk that some errors had been made at a previous application where Mr Cook was not invited to present opinions on the application and at a time before he joined the parish council. He had made clear to the Clerk he felt aggrieved by this issue. It should however be noted it is not the practise of this council to give or are obliged to offer any singular or prior notice or other advice to the public or individual applications.

That is the remit of the applicant to be aware themselves that an application is to be debated at a particular parish meeting evidence is best gained from enquiry or from council publicity.

All other comments and observations can be viewed on the District Council Planning Portal.

End of meeting

The meeting closed at 21.20hrs

John Dean
Clerk to the Council

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