

INWARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Extra Ordinary Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 23th October 2019, in the Side Room of the Folly Gate Parish Hall.

1. Present: Councillors: Ian Dennis (Chairman), Patsy Ions, David Sykes, Tim White, Tony Leech (WDBC), (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs Terry Kempster, Carol Timms, Phillip Piddington, Kevin Ball (DCC & WDBC), Mike Davies (WDBC).

2. Declarations of interest for Items on the Agenda: None

3. Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting: These were read and signed as correct.

5. Planning:

0816/19/FUL Land at SX 563 989 The Barton Inwardleigh Okehampton EX20 3AN Slurry Store to measure 22.86 long x 13.716m wide and 2.43m deep. Withdrawn following planners' advice that slurry pits should be sited within the environs of the farmstead. No further information received to date.

1421/18/OPA Outline application (with all matters reserved) for 5no. new properties (2 affordable, 2 open market, 1 self-build) Land North of Brandize Cottage Folly Gate EX20 3AQ. No decision to date.

3441/17/OPA Proposed development site at SX573976 Folly Gate READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Outline application with some matters reserved for the construction of 23 dwellings, associated car parking, access and estate road, private amenity space and public open space. APPEAL lodged - start date 15th May 2019. Refused, the appeal was dismissed on the 16 October 2019.

2715/19/PIP Treefield Farmhouse, Folly Gate, Okehampton EX20 3AF. Application for Permission in Principle for change of use of ancillary outbuilding to holiday accommodation. The Councillors voted to remain neutral.

2923/19/CLE Goldburn Bungalow, Inwardleigh, EX20 3BD. Lawful development certificate for existing use of building as a dwelling in breach of Agricultural Occupancy Condition. After discussions concerning the lifting of the agricultural tie on this property, no one was able to show that this had not been in contravention of the tie for the last 15 years, so the Councillors were unable to refuse this application. The Councillors voted to remain neutral.

2573/19/FUL Downhouse Farm, Folly Gate, EX20 3AE. Barn conversion with demolition of existing timber cabins. The Councillors voted to be undecided on this application and to remain neutral.

1437/19/FUL Preston Moor Barn, Inwardleigh, Okehampton, EX20 3AL. Provision of agricultural building. Conditional approval given on the 7 May 2019. No information had been received from the planning office concerning this application, that it had it seemed already been passed. Councillor Sykes described the difficulties in even finding the number for this application and said he would make further comments under matters brought forward by councillors.

Applications received since the publication of the Agenda: none

8. Matters brought forward by Direction of the Chairman: None

9. Matters brought forward by Councillors:

Councillor Sykes went through several occasions where the planning department at West Devon had not provided adequate information to the Parish or the Councillors. He pointed out that on several occasions planning applications have not been forwarded to the Parish Council by the Planning Department. They have also not appeared online until queried by the Parish Council. Councillors agreed that the system of obtaining information needs to be reviewed and Cllr Sykes proceeded to read an initial draft of a letter to be sent to the Leader of West Devon Council on this matter. He asked WD Councillor Leach if he was able to support such action and he approved. It was agreed that such a letter should be sent via the Clerk to Cllr Neal Jory Leader of WDBC to highlight the issues encountered.

Cllr Leech advised that the Government is seeking to change some aspects of the planning system so that local authorities are able to decline planning applications based on appearance, to enable ugly buildings or developments to be refused. The Government is also considering allowing householders to build a further 2 stories on their property without requiring any planning permission.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm.

Signed..... Chairman

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