

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19 August 2021
at Pitstone Pavilion commencing at 7.30pm

General Matters:

150/21 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1. Council present

Cllr Nicholls (Chairman), Cllr Saintey, Cllr Weber, Cllr Hawkins, and Cllr Mrs Crutchfield plus the Parish Clerk Mrs Eagling.

2. Others present.

Buckinghamshire Councillors P Brazier & C Poll, plus 11 members of the public.

3. Apologies

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Blunt, McCarthy, Kirk, Heyman and Mitra plus Buckinghamshire Councillor D Town.

151/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

- It was noted that all councillors have standing declarations of interest as the council, as a corporate body, is trustee of the Recreation Ground Charity and Pitstone Parish Charity.
- Cllr Crutchfield declared an interest as a trustee for Pitstone Memorial Hall Charity.

152/21 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/PRESS

Members of the public raised their concerns relating to the planning application detailed below, including: loss of community amenities; local lack of provision for childcare/preschool/primary school & secondary school places; lack of marketing carried out for the commercial sites; marketing for the commercial sites having been carried out during a period of unprecedented global pandemic; lack of affordable homes ringfenced for local families.

153/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 29/7/2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Pitstone Parish Council Meeting held on 29 July 2021 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman was duly authorised to sign them on behalf of the council.

154/21 PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION

1. Land To The South Of Marsworth Road And The West Of Vicarage Way; 21/02999/APP; Construction 21no. dwellings (8 flats and 13 houses), including associated works, car parking and landscaping.

The objections submitted by residents to the Buckinghamshire Council planning portal were noted, along with the objections raised at the meeting and in writing to the parish council.

It was **RESOLVED** to oppose this application on the following grounds:

- i. Non-compliance with Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan policy 2 (plus AVDLP and, to the extent applicable, the emerging VALP)
- ii. (subject to the outcome of ongoing engagement between the parish council and NKH) the applicant not being able to sufficiently demonstrate that commercial / community facilities on these sites are not viable
- iii. Design and Density of Development, including non-compliance with Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan policy 6(i) and other applicable development principles
- iv. Lack of Consultation and Engagement with residents, local councils and other stakeholders
- v. Sustainability, with particular regard to education and healthcare
- vi. Absence of alternative sites for community facilities, both now and in the future
- vii. Basis upon which the current development (including community facilities) was advertised/sold to those who have purchased its properties
- viii. Further opportunity needed to find operators (whether pub/restaurant, nursery, doctor's surgery or other community facilities)

It was further **RESOLVED** that the parish council would be willing to attend and speak at a Buckinghamshire Council planning committee meeting and that it be requested that this application be 'called in' to committee should BC be minded to approve.

The Buckinghamshire Councillors in attendance confirmed that they were minded to request call-in to committee in support of the local community.

Full details to be uploaded to the planning portal.

155/21 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.20.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman

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