

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE CHURCH AT 18.30 ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2011**

Present

Councillor Mr M G Huskinson	Chairman
Councillor Dr P E Mayner	
Councillor Dr E H Jones	
Councillor Mrs J E Hadley-Roberts	
Councillor Mrs E B J Hill	
Councillor Mr A W Medcalf	
Councillor Mr M S Simpson	
Councillor Mr T Wells	MHDC/WCC
Mr R Chamings	Malvern Hills Conservators
Mr A Stock	Public Path Warden
Mrs J Lomas	Parish Tree Warden
PC S Ransome-Williams	Local Police Officer
Mr J M Skinner	Clerk

1. Public Question and Answer

- 1.1. The Chairman thanked the Reverend Sue Irwin for allowing the Council to hold this meeting in the Church.
- 1.2. The Chairman then announced that the purpose of this extraordinary meeting was to determine the Council's response to Wadworth's application to create a touring caravan site on the former Tan House Nursery land, which is adjacent to The Plough & Harrow. He continued that the views of the parishioners present would be most welcome and would play a major part in determining the Council's decision.
- 1.3. A lengthy question and answer session followed in which parishioners present expressed their main concerns about the planning application. The first was the road hazard of towed caravans attempting to gain access to the proposed site via the narrow Blakes Lane and exiting the site, again via Blakes Lane, which has limited line of sight in both directions along the busy B4211 derestricted main road. The second concern was the obtrusive nature of the visual impact of placing caravans on an elevated site adjacent to one of the most attractive entries to Malvern.
- 1.4. At the conclusion of the question and answer session, which lasted about an hour, the main meeting commenced.

2. Apologies

- 2.1. The Council accepted the apologies from PC Sarah Ransome-Williams, Cllr Andrew Medcalf, and Cllr Barbara Hill.

3. Code Of Conduct And Declarations Of Interest

- 3.1. Parish Councillors were reminded that, as required by the Parish Council Code of Conduct Order 2001, they should notify the MHDC Monitoring Officer of any changes to their Register of Interests or the receipt of any unrecorded gifts or hospitality. They should also declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any of the items of this meeting.
- 3.2. There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.

4. The Race Relations And Crime And Disorder Acts

- 4.1. All of the business carried out and decisions made at this meeting have observed the requirements of the above acts.

5. Report by Cllr T Wells, District & County Councillor

- 5.1. Cllr Tom Wells said that he had been invited by the Parish Council to explain some of the intricacies of the planning approval process, however, he said that it must be stressed that as he was involved in the District Council's planning process he must be impartial and could not express any views about the application. However, he did say that if the Parish Council decided to oppose this application its objections should be based on whether or not, in its view, the application met the criteria defined in POLICY EP15 - Static and Touring Caravans, Chalets and Camping Sites. He also said that if the Council had concerns relating to highway issues it would be possible to ask for a site meeting with a representative from the Highways Authority.
- 5.2. The Chairman thanked Cllr Tom Wells for his thorough and very clear description of the planning process.

6. Planning

- 6.1. Planning Application 11/00635/FUL. The Wadworth and Co Ltd application to create a touring caravan site on land adjacent to the Plough & Harrow.
- 6.2. After some discussion Cllr Jane Hadley-Roberts proposed that this planning application be opposed, Cllr Dr Eric Jones seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- 6.3. The Chairman proposed that he, Cllr Jane Hadley-Roberts, Cllr Eric Jones and Cllr Dr Peter Mayner write the objection letter based on the views and advice expressed during the meeting. It was agreed that the working party should meet the following Wednesday (later changed to Thursday) and the Clerk was invited to be present to ensure that the Council's response was delivered on time.
- 6.4. It was further agreed that the Chairman should contact the Highways Authority to request a site meeting.

7. Finance

- 7.1. The Council approved the payment of the annual subscription of £15.50 for the NALC Local Council Review.
- 7.2. The Council approved the payment of £14.99 for a bottle of wine for Mr David Kuun, the Internal Auditor, for carrying out the internal audit.

8. Date Of Next Meeting

- 8.1. The next regular meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 PM on Monday the 11th of July 2011.

J M Skinner
Clerk

Cllr Michael Huskinson
Chairman