

Minutes Extraordinary meeting of Pyecombe Parish Council to be held on Monday 17th June 2013 at Pyecombe Parish Church at 7.00pm

Attendance –

Cllr David Wilson - Chairman

Cllr Graham Bishop

Cllr Tim Cullen

Cllr David Hunt

Cllr Colin Trumble – Mid Sussex District Councillor

Clerk Dawn Langston

Nine members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

None received

2. Declaration of interest by Councillors on any of the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest raised by Councillors.

3. Planning –

To receive and make comments for submission on the planning application below:–

SDNP/13/02492/FUL – Chantry Farm, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe – Low-impact and environmental sustainable campsite to be situated at Chantry Farm. The camping season will be 1st March – 30th October annually. The campsite will be extensive in nature and sited with specific consideration to minimise the impact on the landscape.

The planning application was discussed in much detail by all attendees of the meeting, the main area of objection being the site's access along a single track bridleway, concerns were voiced regarding car's driving along the track coming into close contact with either horses or other vehicles.

Councillor Cullen requested that it be minuted that he felt the plan was a very good one, however he still has issues with the access. The applicant advised that much has been done to reduce the number of vehicles using the track by restricting the number of camping vehicles to 8 per week and the maximum number of people on site at any time to be no more than 30.

The meeting was then asked by a member of the public whether Declarations of Interest had been voiced as she felt that both Councillor D Hunt and Councillor T Cullen appeared to have non declared interests in this item. Councillor D Wilson advised that this had been covered under Item 2 of the Agenda and Clerk D Langston confirmed that this item had been duly minuted.

Further discussion took place on whether the implementation of passing places would make the access less of an issue and Councillor Cullen confirmed that should passing places be implemented he would be happy to pass the application to Council, however the number of vehicles should still remain as per current application.

The Council's decision regarding the application is as follows;

As this is almost an identical planning application to one previously submitted earlier this year, (SDNP/12/03262/FUL), which was withdrawn by the applicant, Pyecombe Parish Council once again objects to this application for the following reason:-

Access to the site is unacceptable as the track cannot sustain increased traffic movements, with the narrow and winding track then becoming a hazard for both horse riders and walkers alike.

Whilst the council recognises that the new planning application has addressed many of the issues previously raised for concern, the Parish Council do not feel the applicant has done anything to address the issue of access to the site. The Parish Council believes that safety for all users of this bridleway/footpath should be taken into careful consideration by West Sussex County Council in their report, and suggest that a possible solution could be to insist on a newly created passing place along its length, but most definitely not at the expense of allowing any more vehicles than the applicant has already indicated will be limited on site in the application, being eight camping vehicles per week.

- 4. Date of Next Meeting** – Next full council meeting arranged for Monday 1st July, 2013