

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th JULY 2010
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE, LAPFORD
REFERENCE 07/10**

Present: Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Down, Cllr Drew, Cllr Glass, Cllr Heal, Laura Cockram (Clerk),

Apologies: Cllr Peto, Cllr Bulley, Cllr Kenney, Cllr Burrows

PLANNING

07/10/48

REF: 10/00960/FULL –Erection of two dwellings at Holmeffield, Lapford.

This application was discussed in depth and a number of concerns were raised

- Traffic at Kelland Hill would be increased
- Should a garden like this be developed as a building site?
- Several trees from the site would be removed. Box 16 on the application regarding this has not been completed
- The application is for two reasonably large houses in an area where the majority of properties are bungalows. The houses are not in-keeping with the area.
- There is no 106 agreement enclosed with the application. Will there be any provision for road maintenance with the extra traffic this development would create?
- Is there a need for this type of housing in Lapford? Smaller and more affordable housing is more needed in the parish.

It was agreed that the parish council would advise MDDC that due to the above reasons, we find it difficult to support the application. **Action: Clerk**

07/10/49

REF: 10/00922/MOUT –Erection of 17 dwellings at Station Business Park, Lapford

This application was discussed with the below points raised.

- There was considerable concern about the levels of traffic on the Nymett Road. The Transport Statement provided, detailing traffic movement on this road was considered very inaccurate (too low).
- The document also detailed about bus and train times which is also very inaccurate (stops are not that frequent). Crediton is our local town for shopping instead of Okehampton and there is no school in Chawleigh. The entire document appears very misleading.
- There is no provision for pedestrians crossing the A377 into the village. This would be extremely dangerous for children living on the new development. There are no communal play areas and gardens are very small which means that children are likely to be crossing the road to access play areas in the village centre.
- The entrance to the development is on a sharp bend which is not gritted and becomes extremely icy in winter.
- There are already two sites within the village that have been granted planning permission for affordable homes. Is a third site needed?
- All of the houses are planned to have two bedrooms. If some three bedroom properties were built this would capture a wider spectrum of people looking for affordable homes (e.g. young local families, where two bedrooms are not enough)

It was agreed that the clerk should inform MDDC of our comments and object to the application with its current plans. **Action: Clerk**

07/10/50

REF: 01091/FULL – Erection of a sun room at 13 Orchard Way, Lapford

There were no objections to these plans. It was agreed that the clerk should recommend approval. **Action: Clerk**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 07/10/51 The audit commission have made contact regarding the 2009/10 Audit returned recently. Cllr Down advised that the new audit was started before the 2008/09 audit was signed off therefore comments were not noted before the new audit was started. DAPC advised that the parish plan money should be kept separate. The Audit Commission also queried the significant difference in salaries each year. Clerk to advise the Audit Commission of the old clerks delay in sending invoices and a period where there was no clerk in 08/09. **Action: Clerk**
- 07/10/52 The clerk advised that she will be handing in her resignation as she has decided to go travelling in New Zealand for 7 months from the end of September. It was discussed whether an experienced clerk from another village would be interested in covering for the 7 months that the clerk is away. This is to be added as an agenda item for the August meeting. **Action: Clerk**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 4th August 2010 at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre.