

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
OF OGBOURNE ST GEORGE HELD ON THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2010
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:00

Those Present: Mr M Grove (Chairman)
Mrs C Manos
Mr K Macdonald
Mrs C Mudge
Mr K Wallace
Mr P Willis
Mr C Freeman (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Mr P Rouse & Mrs J Milton (Wiltshire)
1 Resident was present

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on January 14th, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: As there had only been 3 weeks since the last meeting it was agreed to hold over the matters arising until the meeting scheduled for March 11th.

Planning: Applications and outcomes since last meeting:

E091538 Grey Gables - No Objection - Granted

E091629 Golf Course - Returned with comments – Granted with conditions

E100067 Bytham Road warehouses – Skylarks – the Parish Council had objected to the original application, K/56751/F.

Mrs D Moxon, a neighbour owning the adjacent property Kilnwood House, was invited to speak from the floor. She provided copy of a letter she had written to the Planning Authority. A main concern was that the water supply to the development was from her property and the developer had asked her to invoice his tenants directly for the supply. The Parish Council felt this was a matter between Mrs Moxon and the developer. Other issues which she raised such as trees and screening would be part of the PC's objections.

It was considered that this application was misleading on a number of points particularly as it states in Section 3 that it is a retrospective application following full approval of ref: K/56751/F. It was inappropriate for the applicant to conveniently select which parts of this original approval he has complied with and ignore others. This new application should be based exclusively on the status as before the first approval. However in that approval, conditions 2, 3 & 4 have not been met at all. In the previous application the applicant gave the following additional information:

The applicant company is a contracting company based in Baydon. The company is busy and needs more space. Our intention is to equip the premises as a motor workshop and carry out servicing and repairs to our own vehicles. We shall also use the workshops for occasional fabrication of steelwork. There is no intention to open the site to any form of public access. It is anticipated that a transport manager and a part time administrator will work from there, a fitter and a fitter's mate. Our company's hours of operation are 7:30am to 5pm. Vehicle movements will

be limited to staff transport and vans coming for service from our yard at Baydon.

The new application is for light industrial buildings or storage to be let for which the applicant has no idea what type of business will wish to occupy it. It is clearly not as previously described and justified. Details of section 7 waste storage and collection and section 11 vehicle parking are shown as 'subject to tenants use or requirements'. This was considered unacceptable.

By not knowing the occupancy and usage of these two warehouses it is not possible to ascertain the amount of traffic movement and access for both employees and deliveries and collections. However it is clear that it is likely to be far greater than that suggested in the original application and that will be unacceptable at this site due to its position and the single track nature of its access road. This also applies to limitation of hours of trading in light of the closeness of adjacent residential properties. It was considered that the green profiled sheeting and red and blue doors which are easily seen from residents' houses in the village constitute an eyesore in this AONB and are unsympathetic to the surrounding area. The Parish Council understands that the plans were signed off by a freelance independent agent who clearly did not check that what had been built was consistent with the plans. The Parish Council asks that a check is made as to the satisfactory installation (as claimed) of two septic tanks and two soakaways as shown on the plans. The Clerk would object to this application on the above grounds.

E100049 Parsonage Piece – The Parish Council felt that this application would make the property aesthetically more pleasing than currently. It preferred a brick built garage as more in keeping with the street scene.

E100101 Whitefield Cottage – The Parish Council was in favour of this application considering that it represented a considerable improvement which was not disproportionate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.19. The next meeting would be held on Thursday March 11th 2010.