
GREAT SOMERFORD (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the planning meeting held Wednesday 31 July 2019 at 7.30 p.m. The Community Room, Walter Powell School, Great Somerford

Present Cllr S Mansfield (Chair) Cllr D Butcher Cllr F Hyde
Cllr S Binstead Cllr H Cole Cllr M Hourigan
Cllr C Blount Cllr A Gravell

In attendance T M Chapman (Clerk) Wilts Cllr Sturgis Seven members of public

Public Question Time

Several persons present expressed concern about a possible breach of planning at Kantara, Startley, i.e. change of use from private domestic to business use of the garage. Wiltshire Councillor Sturgis advised that any report to Development Management or himself would have to be backed up by a log evidencing vehicle movements, parts deliveries, working hours and dates otherwise the Council would be unable to take any action.

Some felt that the garage and store (**19/06280/FUL**) were disproportionately large for the property and too close to the boundary fence.

Wiltshire Councillor Report

Wiltshire Cllr Sturgis informed the meeting that the recent Public Health England report showed the county benefitted from higher life expectancy than the national average. The county had also received a top marks in its Ofsted report on Child Care Services. He further reported that householders who engaged unlicensed persons to take away scrap and refuse would be fined if fly-tipping occurred.

The permissive path across the Great Somerford showground to the weir has been closed due to poor behaviour by some individuals (litter, damage to fences etc.). Application for a permit to walk can be made by local residents to himself or Sid Jeavons.

19/07p/1 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr M Griffiths.

19/07p/2 **Declaration(s) of Interest**
Cllr Hourigan reported an interest in the three Brook Farm planning applications as a family member resides on Frog Lane.

19/07p/3 **Planning Matters**
<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>,

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i **Ratification of Planning Applications considered between meetings**

19/06259/TCA Brook Farm – Fell leylandii cypress trees. **No objection.**

19/06404/TCA Old Police House - 20% Crown Thin to Silver Birch (T1), Fell 1 Pine (T2) and 20% Crown Reduction to Catalpa. **No objection.**

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ii **Planning Applications for consideration**

19/04656/FUL 1 Manor Park – Remove existing conifer hedge along West Street boundary and replace with 2m high wooden fence. **Objection.** Though the Parish Council will be pleased to see the Leylandii hedge that encroaches onto the pavement removed it objects to the 2m high vertical board fence as it is inappropriate and out of keeping along this prominent area of the village conservation area, and would suggest a lower fence with some planting of native hedging species in front to soften the fencing.

19/06280/FUL Kantara – Proposed garage & store extension to the side of property. **No objection.**

19/06500/VAR Brook Farm – variation of sundry conditions re 13/05915/VAR re implementation of planning permission 04/02024/OUT. **Supported** but concern was expressed that ongoing provision should be made for a turning facility for large vehicles such as refuse lorries in Frog Lane. Further issues raised concerned the unimaginative design of the housing units and worries whether the increased hard landscaping consequent upon development would exacerbate the surface flooding regularly experienced in Frog Lane.

19/06501/FUL Brook Farm – change of use of land to residential garden land. **Supported.**

19/06502/VAR Brook Farm - Variation of Condition 8 of 17/02820/OUT (Outline Application for the Erection of Eight Dwellings with Access to be Determined. (All Other Matters Reserved). Implementation of planning permission 04/02024/OUT. **Supported.**

19/07009/FUL Owl Lodge – Two storey side extension & replacement conservatory. **Supported.**

iii **Applications Determined by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting**

19/04398/FUL Owl Lodge - Proposed two storey side extension and replacement conservatory. **Approved with conditions.**

and, in addition, notification received after the issue of the agenda

19/05170/FUL Rose Cottage, Startley - Proposed Single Storey Rear Infill Extension and Alterations. **Approved with conditions.**

19/06130/TCA Mills Farm - 6 Metre Height Reduction and 3 Metre Lateral Reduction to 2 Sycamore Trees. **No objection.**

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19/06142 TCA 17 Manor Park – Fell 25 leylandii. **No objection.**

19/06259/TCA Brook Farm – Fell 7 leylandii cypress trees. **No objection.**

19/07p/4 **Finance**

i **Finance Report**

The Finance report was **received** and the Parish Council **approved** payments of £704 and noted receipts of £425 which included money from Wiltshire Council for having used the Community Room as a polling station (£100), a £267 refund from Kompan and £57

lettings income. Proposed: Cllr Binstead; seconded Cllr Gravell.

After these payments and receipts had been taken into account the Parish Council bank balances stood at £16,126.

An invoice was produced at the meeting for work to the footpath between the Police House and the School. The Parish Council **approved** the £15 payment thereof.

19/07p/5 **Dates for Future Meetings**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday
4 September 2 October 6 November 8 January 5 February

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Approved S. Mansfield Chair Date 4/8/10