

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 4th November 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mr G Davies: Mrs E Charrington: Mrs P Shutter: Mr R Foster: Mr R Shackell & Mr R Clist (Clerk)
Apologies: M Veal (BANES – Ward Councillor) G Batts (BANES - Ward Councillor)

1. Minutes of previous meeting held 2nd September 2013

The meeting approved the minutes and they were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Planning

(a) GVP – Woolley Valley Developments

New Applications:

Application Ref: 13/03374/CLEU Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing alterations to access and formation of hard-standing and track around existing building.

Charlcombe Parish Council is investigating the possibility that there may be conditions to challenge this under certain clauses within the 1990 Planning Act. Legal expertise would be needed to evaluate this and if so a contribution to costs may be needed from Swainswick PC. Should this be the case a majority decision by the Council was made for a maximum sum of £500. R Foster abstained.

(b) Application Ref: 13/03358/FUL Alterations and extension to existing agricultural building, formation of farm track, construction of stock pond and ancillary works (Retrospective) (Resubmission of 12/05660/FUL)

Swainswick and Charlcombe Parish Councils submitted objections to these applications in early September. Subsequently a small amount of additional paperwork was added to these applications by GVP and, following an extension of the notice period, additional objection notices were added by the Parish Councils at the beginning of October.

A Development and Control Committee Meeting is to be held on the 20th November and the above items will be reviewed then, although no agenda is currently available. E Charrington, A Mackichan and Ward Councillor M Veale are to meet to discuss making a statement at the meeting. J Miles felt that the case officer's likely recommendation for approval by the committee implied a 'lost cause' however he agreed to read this if required.

Older Applications:

(c) Application Ref: 13/01476/FUL Rosebank Gloucester Road Conversion of outbuilding to artist studio.

BANES Decision – Pending

The continuing delay on this was not understood.

(d) Application Ref: 13/03198/FUL Red Thorn Blacksmith Lane Swainswick, Erection of single storey extension to north elevation with accommodation in additional roof space.

Swainswick PC – Conditional Approval: BANES Decision – Pending

- (e) The following item was erroneously omitted from the meeting Agenda:
Application Ref: 13/03947/FUL Lansdown View Kent Lane External alterations to terrace to include removal of existing timber balustrading and decking and replace with new timber decking and stainless steel balustrading with glass infill panels. Extension of the decking to form an undercroft at lower level for storage.
Swainswick PC – Conditional Approval: BANES Decision – Pending

Other Planning Matters:

- (a) **Enforcement Ref: 13/00320/UNDEV** Tree Tops land usage.
Land being used as car sales area and car wash. BANES have requested applications for planning to ‘regularise’ these activities. None submitted as yet.
C Davies pointed out that the property adjacent was for sale and questioned whether there was any related activity. J Miles asked the clerk to maintain awareness on activities at the site.

- (b) **Pitland Farm**
G Davies had previously reported that he had been contacted by the owners of this property regarding the possible redevelopment of agricultural buildings. It was noted that in 2006 an application had been made to replace the barn with two houses. Swainswick PC had objected to this and Highways objected on the grounds of unacceptable access. Should a new application be submitted J Miles cited the issues with ‘Marshfield Barn’ and reminded Council that it had objected to development in the ‘Orchards’. Consistency of opinion was important.

4. Core Strategy Review/Placemaking Plan

Swainswick Parish has been categorised (RA3 – very small). As such the impacts should be negligible with possible minor infill of up to 3 homes. The new house on the old garage site could be viewed as one of these. Referring back to Pitland Farm Council considered whether this could be a route for future development at this location.

5. Highways.

- (a) **Solar Sign on the Gloucester Road**
The speed sign is still monitoring southbound traffic and the volumes and speeds are consistent with previous reports. The clerk will reverse the sign to monitor northbound traffic at the beginning of December.

- (b) **Deadmill Lane/Ferndale Lane Traffic Study**
The clerk reported that after many failed attempts to get an answer from BANES regarding the project status BANES Ward Councillor M Veale had been contacted in relation to this topic. Initial findings were that the individuals initially involved had been redeployed and the project was dormant! M Veale is pursuing the matter on this Council's behalf.

6. Finance

The clerk presented the balance sheet for year to 31st October. The Council annually donates towards the maintenance of Swainswick churchyard and it was agreed that this would continue. In line with last year's payment a sum of £800.00 be given. The Council considered options for the creation of another project which would be of value to the Parish. The clerk was asked to look at the possibilities for setting up

a web-site. An initial starting point could be Parish-Council.com, a standard used by many parishes.

7. School Governors

R Shackell reported that Ben Williams has been appointed as the Chairman of Swainswick School Govenors.

8. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

9. Any Other Business

No items to minute.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Swainswick School

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm