

FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of Findern Parish Council held via Zoom Meetings software at 7pm on 1 September 2020

Present: Councillors T Brown, M Ratcliffe, R Rose, C Smith and M Woodhouse.

Also present: Mr A Sharpe (Locum Clerk), Councillor M Ford (DCC and SDDC), Councillor A MacPherson (SDDC) and 36 members of the public.

2547/20 **Apologies for absence**
None, all Councillors present.

2548/20 **Declaration of members interests**
None.

2549/20 **Public Speaking**

Council **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow a longer period of public speaking.

Members of the public:

Residents attended the meeting to outline their concerns about planning application DMPA/2020/0407 which related to land at Sycamore Avenue, Findern. Residents also requested that the Parish Council consider objecting to the application and wherever possible supporting them in their opposition to the application.

Police Liaison Officer:

No Police officer was present at the meeting and no report had been received.

District Councillor Report:

No report to this meeting.

District and County Councillor Report:

Councillor Martyn Ford reported on how the planning process would work and how the planning application for the land at Sycamore Avenue would be determined. He was however unable to give any views as he was a Member of the SDDC Planning Committee.

2550/20 **Planning Matters**

Members considered planning application DMPA/2020/0407, which related to an application for engineering operations to remove topsoil and lay hardcore to facilitate the change of use of land for storage purposes including the parking of cars and siting of 8 storage containers on land off Sycamore Avenue, Findern.

Council also considered the requests from residents for funding to purchase banners, asking for permission to site such banners on the village green and for the Council to circulate a leaflet in the village to raise awareness of the application.

In addition - in answer to a question raised by a resident relating to funding to purchase vulnerable sites - it was agreed that this meeting was not the appropriate time for such a discussion on council finances and priorities but this could be discussed at a later date when setting the budget and precept. However, it was acknowledged that the suggestion would be difficult to achieve.

RESOLVED that Council unanimously –

(1) Object to planning application DMPS/2020/0407 based on the following planning criteria (the exact wording to be agreed and published on the website) –

- Traffic Safety/Management
- Parking and increased traffic
- Design and appearance
- Noise and pollution
- Hours of operation
- Nature conservation and loss of pivotal green space
- Departures from the adopted local plan policies.

(2) Ask that if the application is recommended for approval, the application should be presented to the Planning Committee rather than determined under delegated powers and should the application go to Committee a representative of the Parish Council attend to speak against the application.

(3) Do not agree to the request for funding of banners, nor the siting of the banners on the village green as this is not considered to be appropriate.

(4) Approves the publication of a leaflet to be distributed to residents in Findern Village informing them of the application and their opportunity to submit objections and comments to the Planning Authority (SDDC).

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Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday 10 September 2020 at 7.00 pm by Zoom.