

CAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY AT 6.30PM IN THE COUNCIL SHOP

PRESENT: J Fowles (Chair), D Pritchard, B Whatling, N Ledoux, J Tyndall, J Hudson

APOLOGIES: R Sherman, B Powell, M Clifton

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public, S Hanman (Clerk)

Prior to commencement of formal business, members of the public were invited to address Committee. This was used by Mr & Mrs Shaw to outline their case for a review of the speed limit at Tilsdown. They explained that they were exploring the possibility of developing land in their ownership there for a number of houses, but had been advised that insufficient land would be available to create a visibility splay at the access at Tilsdown of the size required for a 40mph speed limit. In view also of perceived highway safety issues, they were asking for consideration to be given to a reduction to 30mph.

P.09.192. To Receive and Accept Apologies for absence.

Apologies as listed above were received and accepted

P.09.193. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None received

P.09.194. To Approve and Sign Minutes of the meeting held 3rd February as a True and Correct Record.

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

P.09.195. To Note any Matters Arising from the Minutes and Not Covered by Agenda Items, for Information Only

Notice of withdrawal of application S09/1084/OUT 31 Chapel Street and 1 Station Road, Cam

P.09.196. To discuss concerns raised regarding traffic speeds at Tilsdown and consider any representations to be made

It was noted that the Police had been consulted on this issue and had advised that they have no safety concerns about this stretch of road, had received no complaints and that speed checks had indicated that average speeds were well within the current limit. They were, therefore, very unlikely to support a reduction in the speed limit at this time. Accident statistics had been provided by Mr & Mrs Shaw, which indicated a number of accidents over the last few years. However, these all involved right turn movements, with no indication of speed being a factor in any of them

Although Committee did not feel able to support an application for a speed limit reduction merely to facilitate development of an individual's land, there was concern that the 40mph limit in this area was a source of confusion to drivers and that there would be far greater logic in having a 30mph limit throughout the built up area of Cam and Dursley, from Draycott all the way through Dursley. It was therefore RESOLVED to approach the County Council regarding a reduction on these grounds.

P.09.197. To Consider new applications for Planning Permission: -

None received

P.09.198. To consider amended planning applications

The following was considered and observation agreed:

S10.0149.VAR	Land to the east of discussed railway line, Draycott	outline application for the erection of buildings for activities within B1,B2,B8 use classes, means of vehicular access, pedestrian and cyclist facilities and landscape structure.
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It was noted that this was an application to vary the time limit for complying with the conditions of the existing permission, not to change those conditions. It was therefore RESOLVED that no observations be made.

P.09.199. To Receive Notices of Decisions on Planning Applications by the District Council

The following were noted:

Approvals:

S09/2056/HHOLD	1 Chapel Street, Cam	Widening of driveway
S09/2170/HHOLD	19 St Bartholomews Close, Cam	Erection of porch
S09/1910/HHOLD	The Bothy, 28D Hopton Road	Erection of summerhouse
S09/2164/FUL	Tesco Stores Ltd	Alterations to existing car park
S09/2116/MINAM	Newlands Farm, Farfield	move of 2 smaller barns 6.5m closer to large barn to comply with central networks

Refusals:

S09/2033/LBC	Upper Knapp Farm, Manor Ave	alterations to outbuildings in connection for use as children's nursery
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P.09.200. To note appeals lodged or decided

None

P.09.201. To discuss and consider Parish Council input to Stroud District Core Strategy, taking account of Strategic Housing Land Allocation Assessment

Details had been circulated to all Members, including the various proposed strategies, each of which was now discussed in detail, with emphasis on the possible impact on Cam of each. Although it was considered that a development of 1000 or 2000 homes would be very detrimental to the character of the area, which would not be balanced by the possible benefits that could be achieved with regard to improved infrastructure, community facilities and so on. However, it was felt that a certain amount of new development could be beneficial, as it would bring with it certain community benefits and contribute to the future vitality of the area. It was also considered that too extensive a dispersal policy throughout the District would probably not be enough to sustain rural communities and would not bring forward significant community benefits. The preferred option at this point was therefore Strategy C, which could result in around 200 – 250 new homes in Cam. However, it was also felt that it would be wrong for the Parish Council to make any comment until it has had the opportunity for full discussion with Planning Officers and until the views of the local community have been heard. Members were therefore strongly encouraged to attend the Parish Cluster meeting at Kingshill House on 26th February and arrangements were confirmed for a Public Meeting at the Memorial Hall on 2nd March. The latter would be well publicised, with an effort to ensure that local people are aware that almost all the proposals could result in new housing development in Cam. It was felt that the public meeting should be chaired by the Chair of the Parish Council, which would be confirmed with her on her return from holiday. Should she be unavailable, Cllr Whatling would be prepared to Chair as Vice-Chair of P&H Committee, as the Chair of Committee (and Vice-Chair of Council) would be unavailable.

P.09.202. To note any issues relating to public rights of way in the Parish and agree any actions to be taken

It was noted that the gate and barrier to deter motorcyclists had now been installed buy the County Council on footpath CCA49.

P.09.203. To receive any comments on public transport issues and agree actions

ii) To note report from Cllr Sherman regarding access at bus stops for disabled people

Cllr Sherman had had a positive meeting with integrated transport officers to discuss access at bus stops for disabled people. It was agreed to defer his report until he is available to attend.

P.09.204. To note and comment on issues regarding local highways and agree any referral to County Council

No new issues reported.

P.09.205. Other Planning & Highway Matters for Information or Referral Only

None raised. There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.50pm.