

CAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2010 AT THE COUNCIL SHOP

PRESENT: b Whatling (Chairman), B Powell, R Sherman, M Clifton, D Pritchard, N Ledoux, J Hudson

APOLOGIES: J Fowles, J Tyndall

IN ATTENDANCE: S Hanman (Clerk)

1. To Receive and Accept Apologies for absence.

Apologies as listed above were received and accepted

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Whatling – Personal Interest – Application 09/2264/COU Pear orchard Farm – Acquaintance of neighbour

3. To Approve and Sign Minutes of the meeting held 16th December as a True and Correct Record.

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

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

None raised

5. To discuss possible measures to deal with motorcyclists on public footpaths

It was noted that County Public Rights of way had agreed to fund and install a gate and sleeper on the path across the field at Woodfield, as discussed with the Police, to try to deter use by motorcyclists. It was not known when the works are to be carried out.

6. To Consider new applications for Planning Permission: -

The following applications were considered and observations agreed:

09/2186/FUL Littlecombe Zone B Erection of community hospital

It was noted that consultation on this application was as a neighbour of the site, which is actually inside the Dursley boundary.

Whilst the development was supported in principle, Committee shared the concerns raised by Dursley Town Council with regard to public transport and traffic management and agreed to respond to the District Council to this effect.

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09/2236/FUL	Former Railway Line Box Road	Construction of footpath and cycleway to form part of the Cam and Dursley cycle route
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SUPPORT - Represents an important part of the strategy to provide a Uley/Cam cycleway, which will significantly contribute to local community sustainability

(The concerns of adjacent residents with regard to the privacy and security of their properties were noted, but it was considered that the proposed cycleway would not, in itself, significantly increase security risks, and that it was the responsibility of the residents to take measures to protect their privacy).

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09/2056/HHOLD	1 Chapel Street	Widening of driveway entrance
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NO OBSERVATIONS

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09/2264/COU	Pear Orchard Farm	Change of use of barn to storage (B8) and associated access
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09/2301/ADV	Tesco Supermarket	Erection of signage
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OBJECT - Proposed sign in SDC car park (not part of Tesco land ownership) is visually intrusive, out of keeping and could obstruct visibility for pedestrians leaving the car park. The replacement gantry sign (G1) is significantly larger than the existing, would be visually intrusive, out of keeping and could interfere with the ease of passage of pedestrians

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7. To consider amended planning applications

09/2034/FUL	Lower Knapp Farm	Conversion of outbuildings for nursery use – further details Re. parking and turning
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It was considered that the revised proposed addressed the Committee's previous concerns regarding parking, and these were thus now withdrawn

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

The following were received and noted

Approvals:

09/1967/HHOLD	34 Rowley	Erection of side conservatory
09/1934/HHOLD	10 Westend	Erection of porch
09/1975/HHOLD	29 The Drive	Erection of side and rear garage extension
09/1920/HHOLD	11 Ashmead	Erection of extension



9. To note appeals lodged or decided

None

10. To respond to consultation on proposals for long stay parking in Dursley

It was noted that revised arrangements for long stay parking had become necessary following the loss of spaces at the Rackfield car park due to the Sainsbury's development. The District Council's proposals to address this included the dedication of the Broadwell car park for long stay permit holders only, the allocation of a few of the spaces at the Castle Street (swimming pool) car park for long stay and the designation of the May Lane car park as long stay.

It was considered that, whilst there should be no problem with the proposals for the Broadwell and Castle Street, there were some concerns with regard to May Lane. This was due to the lack of capacity at the adjacent medical centre car park, which meant that patients often have to park elsewhere – it was felt that designation of the May Lane car park as long stay would be likely to mean that this would be full from early morning onwards, with the result that the only parking available would be at Castle Street, which could be too far for some people to walk. It was suggested that this might be addressed by either allocating a few short stay spaces within the May Lane car park, or by working with the medical centre to encourage staff there to park in the Long Stay car park, thereby freeing up spaces at the medical centre for patients. These concerns would be passed to the District Council.

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

i) To comment on proposed diversion of Public Footpath CCA65 and CCA 118 at Pear Orchard Farm

No objections were raised to this application.

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

It was noted that the new shelter at Woodfield Road had been installed with no problems.

There had again been reported problems of anti-social behaviour around the shelter at Tyndale Road. It was noted that it had previously been decided to leave this shelter in place, as there is no budget for replacement. It was reported that the Police and the County Councillor were looking into the possibility of County Council support for the provision of a replacement, clear shelter.

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

- i) **To respond to consultation in respect of Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan** – It was agreed that Members should respond as individuals, if they so wish.
- ii) **Issues reported** – there was serious concern regarding the deteriorating condition of local roads, particularly following the recent freezing weather. Roads of particular concern were Draycott, Woodfield Road, The Quarry and the lay-by at Marment Road. There would be reported to both Gloucestershire Highways and the County Councillor.
- iii) **Report on snow issues** – The Snow Reported that there had been good co-ordination and liaison during the adverse weather conditions earlier in the month. It was noted that emergency grit supplies were now stored at Clutterbucks for use in the Parish if needed. In response to a suggestion from the County Council that further access points be identified, it was agreed that the Snow Warden could keep a few bags at his property. It was noted that it would not be wise for bags to be stored in a publicly accessible location, as there had been issues in other areas with people taking

large quantities either for private use or for selling on. The possibility of an additional grit bin in the Woodfield area would also be raised.

14. Other Planning & Highway Matters for Information or Referral Only

Woodfield Road – Continuing problems with damage to the highway verge were noted and would be reported. Litter on the path adjacent to the nursery would be reported to the district Council. The hedge adjacent to the nursery would be inspected and referred to Gloucestershire Highways if it is causing an obstruction. It was noted that removal of this hedge could enable the area to be better maintained.

Tilsdown – Following an approach from a member of the public, the possibility of a reduction in the speed limit from cam Pitch to Dursley would be discussed at the next Committee meeting. The Police would be asked for a view on this prior to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.

