

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council held at Henstridge Village Hall on Monday 20th June 2016.

Present: David Nichols (Chair), Simon Cullum, Richard Kaskow, Carolyn Nichols, Barry Paginton, Sue Place, Michael Player and District Councillor Tim Inglefield.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

There were 2 members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

The meeting began at 19:32.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Ken Courtenay, Dennis Finch, John Graham, Jean Oswick and William Wallace.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the reasons for absence as reported.

2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th June 2016.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes as presented.

4. To consider the following planning applications:

Application number	Proposal	Applicant details
16/02380/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters following approval of planning application.	Mrs E Kimber & Family, Land at Furge Lane, Henstridge. BA8 0RS
<p>The Chair asked members of the public if they wished to participate, but nobody had any comment to make.</p> <p>Members noted comments from other members of the public received by the Clerk. The matter was discussed and members agreed that public opinion in favour of keeping the boundary hedge was strong. It was felt that removing the hedge would give Furge Lane a suburban feel, while retaining it would preserve the rural character of the area.</p> <p>The potential increase in traffic movements was felt to have been underestimated and the development would have a negative impact on the very narrow surrounding roads, including Church Street. It was also felt that the access to the site was not adequate. Members felt that roads in the area would become more dangerous as a result of this development.</p> <p>It was noted that the development itself would cause a disturbance for neighbours who had already had to endure the additional lorries and dust produced by the Woodhayes and Waverly Farm Court developments.</p> <p>Public concerns about the percentage of social housing were noted by members, who felt</p>		

that a limit on the number of units that could be allocated as affordable should be put in place.

Members agreed that the application represented a significant improvement on previous proposals for this site, including the location of the public open space around the protected walnut tree and the relocation of properties away from the boundary with Waverly Farm Court. There was some discussion about the location of any pavement or footway and it was felt that this should be routed in such a way as to preserve the boundary hedge.

District Councillor Inglefield reminded members that any reasons for refusal must be either planning reasons with evidence or matters that could be added as conditions.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council would recommend approval of this application only if a condition were applied to limit the level of affordable housing on the site to 35%. It was requested that the matter of retaining the boundary hedge be debated at the Area East committee due to the great strength of local feeling that it should remain in place to preserve the rural feel of the lane, especially as the site borders the Conservation Area in Henstridge.

All in favour except Simon Cullum who voted against.

- 5. Date of Next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th July 2016**. All items for inclusion on the agenda and all items to be listed under issues arising from previous meetings must be received by the Clerk by **9.00am on Thursday 23rd June**.

The meeting ended at 19:52.

**Zöe Godden
Parish Clerk**

