

Minutes of the Meeting of ALLOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: In the Chair. Cllr F.Still

Cllrs. Mrs A Owens, Cllr.Mrs P. Adlington, Cllr.P.Moseley, Cllr.J.Roberts

Clerk, Mrs Hazel West.

There were two members of the public present one of whom wished to address the council regarding her planning application.

She thanked the Council for allowing her to update them on her application the history of which she stated as follows:

2017 Planning application for stables which was granted but was built at 90 degrees to the plans. She explained that this was due to the position of the powerlines. She applied retrospectively for this but it was refused and allowed on Appeal.

2020 -Pandemic-Mother had an accident, she is 88 years old so a change of use of stables to Granny annexe was applied for. This was refused despite her having to go to considerable trouble to try to disprove the Parish Council's comments which she disagreed with. This decision was appealed and the Appeal was refused because of objections from Jodrell Bank. She has removed the kitchen appliances and has now reapplied for change of use to Granny Annexe without kitchen appliances.

She went on to say that if this application is turned down she will use her Fall-Back position of extending the main house under permitted development rules.

She was asked about the horses which she says are gone due to a change of circumstance.

Cllr.Mrs Adlington pointed out that the comments given by the Parish Council are their opinion and do not carry that much weight. Cllr Still pointed out that you cannot change an opinion of a previous application. Cllr.Mrs Owens expressed concerns for the elderly lady. She has much experience of caring for relatives. She felt that it would be impossible to care without a kitchen and that the Fall-Back position of extending the main house under permitted development would be the much safer option for mother if it is impossible to care for her in the main house at the moment.

The Parish Council meeting then commenced.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J.Wilson, Cllr. Mrs J. Gibbison and Cllr A. Healey.

2 . Declarations of interest,

The Parish Clerk pointed out that she lives in the same lane as the Planning applicant but as clerk does not give an opinion on Planning matters.

3.Minutes Proposed Cllr. F.Still Seconded Cllr.Mrs Owens

4. Matters arising

- 1.Fingerpost sign. There is still no word from Mr Armstrong regarding his construction of the new arms. He is taking an inordinate length of time. The clerk will ask if we are any nearer to this happening and if he has decided he cannot do them she will source an alternative supplier.
2. Bin- Wash Lane . Parish Council buying new bin via CWAC but it also has to be emptied by CWAC..

5.Parish Field

Grass cutting will be done again by Cllr.Moseley in the summer.

Yew Tree from Bradshaw Brook Chapel has suffered badly in last summer's drought but appears to be recovering. Clerk to book tree surgeon to check trees and do any necessary work. Cllr Still will liaise with them.

6.Village Hall.

Social Committee have agreed to swap dates in May so that Parish Meeting can be within 14 days of the Election. PC meeting will be 18th May.

7.Finance and Payments.

Precept of £8500 has been requested.

Cheques Salary £580. HMRC. £53

Telephone and Broadband £115.0

Cllr Roberts asks about checking Defibrillators. Both the Village Hall and Three Greyhounds are checked by Knutsford First Responders. Clerk will send Cllr Roberts the details so that he can arrange testing etc. for Woodlands Park one.

8.Planning.

The Clerk gave the results of the five Appeals that have been decided since the last PC meeting. The decision Notices are on CWAC planning website.

The following application is on line and there is no internet in the Village Hall. The Planning committee will give their observations to the Clerk for sending to CWAC planning department. This is shown below.

Peover Edge, Boots Green Lane WA16 9NH

Change of use of Stable block to Granny Annexe.

Allstock Parish Council makes the following observations:

This revised plan does not change our comments previously on App 21/02007/FUL as the change of stable block to granny annexe is not significantly different.

We cannot see how this newly modified plan is going to give an elderly, disabled lady the full independence that it is said is required, if there are no kitchen facilities. The "Fall-Back" position would admittedly take the main residence closer to the stable block but it would still be some distance from a lady in her later years needing assistance and meaningful care from her main carer, her daughter.

We do not feel this application should be permitted, in our opinion this is an application for another house.

9.Correspondence.

Election will be 4th May. Clerk will collect Nomination Papers on 6th March and will make appointment to return them to Winsford by the appropriate day.

It is noted that Photographic ID is required to vote at a Polling Station.

10. Comments/inquiries/reports.

CLlr Mrs Wilson and Hazel West invited to virtual meeting re Keuper Gas Project.
This is on Tuesday 31st January, Clerk will attend provided Internet is working.

CLlr Still attended meeting at Storengy on 10th January. 20 caverns are operational, gas goes in, gas goes out.
They are looking towards mixing in Hydrogen which is ok to 25% without infrastructure changes.
They are also working on converting Diesel engines to Hydrogen. They have already converted a CWAC refuse lorry.
The site is carbon neutral, offices are powered by Solar Panels.
They have set up a Responsible Business Board to look at Corporate Governance .
In the future contact may be a yearly Newsletter and ad hoc meetings.

11.AOB.

Senior Citizens Party is 11th March Cost £8 a head. Live entertainment.
Pot holes in roads dreadful but Highways have fixed the bad ones near Three Greyhounds. Booth Bed Lane really bad near Barn Conversions.

Trees on grass verge New Platt Lane are not in a good state, opposite Birch Fold CW4 8NR.To report to CWAC Tree officer.

12. Date of next meeting Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 7.30pm

Signed.....23rd March 2023 .