

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WHADDON LANE, HILPERTON, at 7.00 pm on TUESDAY, 14th December, 2021**

There was one member of the public present.

PRESENT Cllr. E. Clark
 Cllr. G. Boreham
 Cllr. S. Sawyer

Before the start of the meeting, Mr. R. Allan, as a member of the public, spoke against planning application PL/2021/10373. Cllr. Boreham was elected Chairman and declared the meeting open at 7.12 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Fisher and Swift.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL/2021/10373: Bekson Farm, 54 Whaddon Lane

Permanent siting of a Biomass boiler and container for the control unit (retrospective).

It was agreed that a strong objection should be made to this application. The planning authority should be informed that the Parish Council was unable to ascertain what was being burned and in what quantities, and whether or not the boiler was certified to burn wood. If it was, there should be measures in place to ensure the applicant was using wood that was not treated in any way. The Parish Council would also wish to know what pollutants, if any, were being emitted, and would question, in any case, the suitability of the site for an industrial – not agricultural – biomass boiler so close as to have an impact on neighbouring properties and farmland, and also very near to the pre-school and village hall. The considerable number of vans driving to and from the site each week, using the very narrow, single track lane, was already having an impact on other road users, including local residents, cyclists, walkers, and horse riders. (Proposed by Cllr. Boreham, seconded by Cllr. Sawyer, two in favour with one abstention from Cllr. Clark).

PL/2021/10533: Maxcroft Farm, 5 Maxcroft Lane

New three-bedroomed dwelling, parking and associated amenity in the garden of 5 Maxcroft Lane.

It was agreed that if this application had been submitted to replace application PL/2021/03647, approved in July, 2021, then there would be no objection. But if this was in addition to that application, then the Parish Council would object on the grounds of over-development of the site. (Proposed by Cllr. Boreham, seconded by Cllr. Clark, all in favour)

PL/2021/10557: 8 Cedar Close

Consent under Tree Preservation Orders: T1, Willow tree, side prune back to fence line; T2, Ash tree, side prune back to fence line.

It was agreed an objection should be made, as it appeared that the application description was incorrect, the trees in question being covered by the provisional TPO (The Grange, Ashton Road, Hilperton) made by Wiltshire Council in October, 2021, which had the full support of the Parish Council. (Proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Sawyer, all in favour).

Decisions

PL/2021/05031: 42 St. Mary's Gardens – Conversion and extension of existing garage to create a suitable space for a home office – approval given.

PL/2021/09377: 63 Hill Street, two storey rear extension – approval given.

PL/2021/09689: 75 Foxglove Drive, works to a protected tree – approval given

PL/2021/09407: Grangeside Workspace, Cedar Tree Close
Erection of new pillar and access gate and retention of existing pillar – approval given

The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.

Signed Date