

Woodham Mortimer With Hazeleigh Parish Council

EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2016

Convened at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall at 10:30am

In attendance

Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB) Chairman, Andrew Macmorland (AM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM) Stephen Pemberton (SP).

Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.

1 member of the public.

170.16 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Kim Broadhurst was unable to attend due to work commitments, District Cllrs Mark Durham, Henry Bass and County Cllr Penny Channer had other engagements.

171.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

AM declared a non-pecuniary interest to planning item 173.16 as he has business associations with the applicant though unrelated to the application site.

172.16 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The member of public in attendance was the applicant of the planning item, namely Land on east side of Hazeleigh Hall Lane Woodham Mortimer and invited the Council to ask any questions regarding the application. The Council were concerned that space seemed to be limited and questioned whether there would be adequate scope considering the location of a hedge and the vines. It was clarified a hedge would not be removed but some vines would be relocated as they should not be affected after only one years growth. There did not appear to be any drainage provision shown in the plan details and this matter would be addressed once the relevant expert advice had been sought. Given the recent increase in agricultural related crime the Council advised all relevant security measures should be considered. It was also understood that various chemicals associated with vineyard activities would be kept in the building and Cllrs advised the applicant to seek any relevant licenses required by DEFRA to keep such chemicals along with an appropriate risk assessment. Some concern was raised with respect to the height of the building as views across the countryside may be effected, it was advised the building would be dug into the ground to the depth of approximately 3 metres thus reducing the perceived height. Consideration had been given to the location of a situate pylon and that access would be fully maintained for inspection and maintenance activities.

173.16 PLANNING

FUL/MAL/16/01076 – LAND ON EAST SIDE OF HAZELEIGH HALL LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Erection of general purpose agricultural building to vineyard.*

Further to clarification of the above mentioned concerns Cllrs did not feel there would be a detrimental effect on the surrounding countryside and KM proposed to support the application which was seconded by SP with all Cllrs present in agreement. AR was instructed to make a representation of support to the Planning Authority.

174.16 INFORMAITON ONLY

SB raised concerns about the increased litter abuse in Lodge Road.

Date of next Ordinary Meeting - Tuesday 08 November 2016 at 7:30pm.

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council)

08 November 2016