

Parish Council Meeting of Southleigh Parish Council, held Wednesday on 13th July 2022 at 8 pm.

Present: Cllr John Reed, Cllr Claudine Beard, Cllr Karen Luff, Cllr Andy Foxwell, Cllr Stuart Terry, Cllr Marcus Hartnell

Minutes

1. Apologises: Cllr H Parr
2. Declaration of Interests: None
3. Public Question time (Maximum 15 minutes): None
4. Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2022: Clerk apologies for omitting to bring to the meeting the Minutes of 8th May 2022, clerk will ensure that there are brought to next meeting for signing.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes: proposed meeting with other local council's suggested date was put forward and time to meet at the parish hall if it was available on suggested date (Wednesday 17th August 2022). Local parish council's are to be invited to attend - Colyton, Northleigh, Farway, Offwell and Widworthy
6. Report from County Councillor: Report is due soon.
7. Report from District Councillor: Councillor not present.
8. Correspondence -Broadband new Community Liaison Officer Mark Burtwell: No further news received as of today.
9. New Code of Conduct, council are happy with its existing Code of Conduct that it currently has.
10. Finance
 - a) Clerk Microsoft costs for May and June total £11.98 agreed (but cheque was not written out).
 - b) Clerks wages for May (£166.90) and June (£167.10). Agreed. Cheques were written.
 - c) Payment to clerk for payments made to ICO (£40.00) and Uk2 £19.19 annual renewal of service fees. Agreed. Cheque was written.
 - d) Insurance payment for year is due (annual renewal date is 1st July) cheque was raised for £166.35 and would be sent tomorrow.
 - e) £110.00 was raised from selling Jubilee Mugs. Clerk to deposit the cash into the bank account.

11. Planning -

a) Applications: 22/1487/FUL Tottiskay

The council held a discussion about the above plans, raised some concerns, it was the decision of the council to refuse the application

The reason:

1. Height of the Structure.
2. Usage regards to Potential Commercial use.
3. Materials used for exterior finish should be some stonework, not fully rendered.

Full justification of the refusal of this planning application is attached and is also displayed on the local council planning portal.

12. Highways news: Low hanging branches on trees on the Colyton/Southleigh Road, Clerk to contact the clerk at Colyton parish council to discuss this issue.

Overgrown hedges on main road at Branscombe Cross by Kingsdown Garage.

Over ground trees on stretch of road from Countryside to Farway Cross.

13. Items brought to SPC's attention after the agenda had been published: Bridge Repair at Turner's Court, work has been carried out and is now complete.

14. Jubilee celebrations were well attended and recent photo of the village and its residents was taken.

15. Date of next meeting: 14th September 2022 @ 8pm.

Meeting close @ 9.55pm

Attachment:

1. The completed form Application for Planning Permission (Town and Country Planning Act 1990) shows a positive answer to the question entitled - Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery. Yet in an email from Martin Jones to Charlie McCullough dated 3rd March 2022 submitted with the now Withdrawn Application No.22/0196/FUL it states that and I quote "It looks live livestock would have been housed there. We have no intention of keeping animals in this barn. We wish to retain the courtyard of which this barn forms a part. Our intent has always been to keep garden machinery, tractor, lawn mower etc in it, use it as a general workshop and a dry area. Why then has the answer to the question 'Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?' been ticked as a Yes??? This seems to be in direct conflict and the Parish Council would require clarity ahead of any further process.

2. The submitted Combined Plans/Drawing (Job No.01412 Drawing No.241-001) from West Three Architects shows that ALL elevations of the Barn are to be Sand/Cement render. The existing barn was built of stone and therefore 'sat' pleasingly in its rural surroundings. Given that Tottiskay Farm is in an AONB the Parish Council disagree strongly with the planned more industrial look, indeed referring to the very same email

mentioned above, it states that "Also the cost of or rendered has been significant and we will need to raise more money to proceed." The Parish Council would consider that at the very least the North East and Gable (NW) Elevations be stone clad to resemble that of the original barn.

3. In a very similar vein, the original barn was built following the natural gradient of the land and therefore was overall considerably lower. The new/proposed construction gives a much bigger statement, looking out of proportion to it's surroundings as a horizontal line has been taken from the South West elevation, not following the ground line and therefore the ridge of the roof is significantly higher creating a very different pitch and therefore now not a visually pleasing structure, infact it is the view of the Parish Council that it 'sticks out like a sore thumb' and is an 'eyesore' in an otherwise rural vista. We strongly disagree the comments made by West Three Architects in their 'Conclusion' statement being one of the documents accompanying this retrospective application, again I quote "The proposed replacement barn is a considerably smaller footprint than the original barn and therefore the overall scale of the building has been greatly reduced from the original and will have a much reduced impact on the setting and surrounding landscape.

The overall form and materials are of similar appearance to the original barn, and consistent with an agricultural aesthetic. Overall, it is considered that the above will have little or no detrimental impact on the setting within the AONB."

Southleigh Parish wish to add that should this Application be considered at the District/County level, these findings are not only taken into account but that the use of the original barn was for agricultural/livestock purposes only - we would like to stipulate that this remains and are not subject to change without subsequent further applications as it seems apparent that the applicants do have future plans for the building and roof line, as in it currently looks unfinished.