



MINUTES

Committee: Planning Committee
Date: Tuesday 16 March 2021
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present

Cllr Mike Jeffery (Chairman)
Cllr Malcolm Chudley
Cllr Mike Warner
Cllr Vivienne Hodges
Cllr John Farrand-Rogers
Cllr Julian Edwards
Cllr Gordy Keep

Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

23/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

24/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were made. No requests for dispensations were received.

25/2021 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Keep and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2021 as a correct record.

26/2021 PLANNING APPLICATION: 0081/21: Proposed: Erection of an agricultural building at land at Lowton Farm, Moretonhampstead

Cllr Jeffery gave an overview of the application.

Cllr Hodges was concerned that the proposed entrance is on a sharp right angled bend on a very narrow road and it would be very difficult to access with a large vehicle; these concerns were shared

by the majority of the committee. Cllr Warner suggested the applicants look at relocating the barn to improve the access.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Warner that the Council recommend this **proposal is refused** so that the planning officers could have a look at the settlement as a whole and to look carefully at the history of the settlement. Cllr Farrand-Rogers would like the planning officers to answer the following two questions; Q1. How many farm buildings in this settlement in the last 20 years have been turned into houses and Q2. How many new farm buildings have been created? The motion was not voted on following the discussions below and so fails.

Cllr Hodges noted that the conversion of farm barns into dwellings is seriously constrained by Dartmoor National Park Authority policy. Modern farm buildings cannot be converted into dwellings.

Cllr Chudley proposed an amendment to the original motion; 'the Council alongside the DNPA planning Officers have a site meeting to discuss the plan'. The amendment was not seconded and so fails.

Cllr Edwards agreed that the Council should object to the planning but disagreed about the reasons. Farming has changed and the old buildings are no longer suitable for modern machinery.

It was proposed by Cllr Warner, seconded by Cllr Edwards and **resolved to object** to this application because of the location and access. The Council suggested relocation of the barn.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm