

Minutes of Hollesley Parish Council Meeting

Held on 14th May 2018 ~ 6.00pm

At Hollesley Village Hall (Committee Room), Woodbridge Road, Hollesley

Present

Cllr. Helen Lewis (Chair), Cllr. Trevor Burbridge, Cllr. Michael Friend, Cllr. Anne Hardwick, Cllr. John Hardwick, Cllr. Hazel Hughes, Cllr. James Mallinder and Cllr. Andrew Palmer

Judi Hallett (Clerk)

Cllr. Christine Block

14 members of the public

Record of Public Session:

a) Reports or comment from any member of the public or any other village organisation (notes only):

- Speech delivered about the cattery and running of the establishment, effect in the business and the owner,
- Member of the public living close spoke about the reduced number of people using the cattery
- My cats have used the cattery and are more than happy – used for the past 12 years
- The cattery is open for business and our cats have been housed recently, it is a very good establishment
- We have horses there and can confirm the cattery is an ongoing business, a very well run business and horses very well looked after
- There has to be a register (*the applicant confirmed there is one*)
- I keep a horse and I have seen cats being delivered, having someone on site is a benefit for horses
- I am a client of the cattery and have used it recently
- *Does a permanent caravan turn in to a house?* Unknown and unable to speculate
- Applicant – We went to the Licencing Committee and the team reassured us that there **had** to be a permanent residence. The licence was dated 2012
- *Are there any limitations for application for temporary applications?* – [Cllr Block] I don't know of any
- *Could one surmise that a temporary application would be looked upon favourably?* They have been in the past
- Applicant - We were advised to go for a permanent application by our planning consultant

b) Reports or comment from ESDC and SCC Councillors:

- Cllr. Reid – *Cllr. Reid’s would attend the meeting in three days’ time.*
- Cllr. Block – Cllr. Block made the following comments on this situation: I feel for all parties, these are some of the most difficult applications to deal with due to the personal circumstances, the decision on planning goes with the land and property and not the applicant, what you [HPC] are determining this evening is for the caravan and not anything to do with the cattery, I have spoken to SCDC and they say living accommodation is **not** required for the licence (Cllr. Block quoted from the licence), it is **not** the case that the licensee must live on site, you need to look at caravans in the countryside and whether or not you have a permanent caravan, this could lead to other applications, you must be able to provide planning reasons as to why a planning application for a permanent caravan is acceptable. HPC would be advised to ask for a copy of the licence that is in place at present.

Agenda Item	Resolution / Agreement / Fact	Action
1. To receive Apologies for absence	Apologies had been received from Cllr. Andrew Coyne (away)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and any applications for dispensation	There were none	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
3. Public Session (record above)	<i>Please see above</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to ask for copy of the actual licence linked to the cattery
4. DC/18/1080/FUL - Retention and Permanent Stationing / Use of Mobile Home for Residential Occupation at Rustic View, Bussock Lane: a) To discuss if HPC would like to speak at the SCDC Planning Committee meeting on 17 th May 2018, where the above application will be discussed	a) Councillors made the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Clerk read the minutes from the March meeting aloud</i> • <i>Cllr. Block confirmed she would speak the planning committee meeting</i> • We have not objected on the grounds of health and safety, it was objected to on the grounds that it was a permanent application and this would be there beyond the life of the business • I am in two minds if we should speak – we didn’t object on anything to do with the business but on the effect of the AONB 	a) See action in in b)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps not necessary for us to speak as Christine is there? • There is no harm in a PC rep going, it is welcomed by the planning committee • If we attended we could speak about previous applications • There is no wish to see the business suffer • I propose that we do speak • This is very trick as we are only allowed to refer to planning law • Perhaps we could say we are in support of the business? • [Cllr. Block]: You could ask the planning committee for a condition which would mean the caravan would only be permitted for the life of the business? • I'm not sure, we might be muddying the waters if we start suggesting conditions • Not sure it is our place to set any conditions • <i>The Clerk produced draft wording for a possible statement – all Councillors read it</i> • This statement is a good start but we need to discuss that in the past a temporary application has been permitted • We cannot reverse our original decision, I would prefer we stick to the original decision • We need to stick to facts: a) a decision was made on the application in front of us, b) since then further information has been forthcoming and for that reason we ask for the Planning Committee to determine the application and c) we have, in the past, supported a temporary application • Cllr. Hughes proposed that the Council did speak (an agreed text) at the Planning Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. A Hardwick and all Councillors were in favour. Cllr. Lewis agreed to be a backup statement reader • The Clerk explained the Planning Committee Meeting process and that the matter may not be heard until the afternoon • The applicant confirmed that renewal of the licence is on a regular basis and is ongoing. Clerk to seek a copy of the actual licence for the cattery. 	

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b) Depending on the outcome of 4. a), to agree wording for HPC statement to be read out at the above meeting	b) Councillors read the draft text and the Clerk was asked to amend in line with comments from the meeting	b) Clerk to amend draft statement and send to all for approval
5. To receive agenda items for next meeting and agree date of Next Meeting (17 th May 2018)	The following items were suggested added to the May agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None Date of next meeting will be 17th May 2018 – 7.30pm – at the Village Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

The meeting was closed at 6.40pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:

Judi Hallett
Clerk to Hollesley Parish Council

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