

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a PLANNING MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held in Mathon Parish Hall, Mathon, on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present:- Cllr S Harte, Cllr R Lawrence, Cllr C Green, Cllr N Walker

Apologies – Cllr P Davies (due to holiday commitments)

Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) or other Disclosable Interests falling within the terms of para 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct. – None declared.

No requests had been received by the Clerk for any Dispensations relating to items on the Agenda (Sec 33 of the Localism Act 2011)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - no public questions

23/18 PLANNING

The Council considered the following planning application :-

(a) App No 180648
Site: Field near Hackney Cross, Mathon
Description: Proposed erection of a poly-tunnel for horticultural use
Applicant: Mrs M Herbert
Grid Ref: OS 372490,245863
App Type: Planning Permission

The Council discussed this application at some length, and the Clerk was instructed to send the following comments to Herefordshire Planning Services :-

Mathon Parish Council **objects very strongly** to this application.

1. This is a commercial sized polytunnel with a large footprint and of considerable height, and will be a permanent fixture for an undisclosed purpose as no information has been forthcoming about this.
2. The field is not large enough to sustain a commercial enterprise and it is unclear what is going to be grown here.
3. There are no other polytunnels of this size in the area – only small ground level seasonal temporary cloches are being used locally
4. The land adjoins an AONB area and this tunnel would be a permanent blot on the landscape
5. The owner/applicant lives outside the parish in Worcestershire

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Chairman

Date

