

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a PLANNING MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held in Mathon Parish Hall, Mathon, on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Present:- Cllr S Harte (Chairman), Cllr N Walker, Cllr R Lawrence
Apologies: Cllr P Davies

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

1240 PLANNING

The Council considered the following planning applications :-

- (a) Site: Tree House Farm, Moorend Cross, Mathon WR13 5PR
- Description: Proposed access modifications onto the B4220
- Applicant: Mrs P Allan
- App No: 150163
- Grid Ref: OS 372178,245970
- App Types: Planning Permission

The Council's comments were as follows :-

Mathon PC is aware that there has been no access onto the B4220 for wheeled vehicles for a very long time. However, in principle, if Herefordshire County Council Planning agree with Highways that there are no adverse safety issues on this very fast stretch of highway, then Mathon PC will not object to this application.

1241 HEREFORDSHIRE CORE STRATEGY MODIFICATIONS

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Herefordshire More or Less regarding the public consultation on the main modifications of Herefordshire Council's core strategy, outlining some of the implications. Because of the "new formula" for assessing housing growth rates, housing development would increase numbers way above the previously expected total in many cases. For Mathon Parish this would mean an increase to 18 dwellings rather than 4 under the original formula. The Council discussed this matter at some length, and asked the Clerk to send the following comments to Herefordshire Council :-

Mathon Parish Council is very much against building on greenfield sites in this rural area. We have to retain its agricultural heritage. Except building for agricultural requirements, the County Council should be looking at converting redundant buildings within the Parish rather than new builds.

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Chairman

Date