

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a PLANNING MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held in Mathon Parish Hall, Mathon, on Thursday 9th FEBRUARY 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present:- Cllr S Harte (Chairman), Cllr N Walker, Cllr K Perkins, Cllr P Davies

In Attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk)

Three members of the public attended the meeting, plus Mr Owen Fry, Planning Consultant for Mr A Green and Mrs C Green

Apologies - Cllr M Malsbury, Cllr C Green

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. – Cllr C Green had e-mailed the Clerk with her apologies, and declared her DPI in connection with this re-consultation.

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

11/23 PLANNING

The Council considered the following planning application – **Re-consultation**** :-

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| (a) | App No: 214472 |
| Site: | Rook Row Farm, Mathon WR13 5PR |
| Proposal: | Use of agricultural land for seasonal worker accommodation & associated physical works which included the creation of access tracks and areas of hardstanding, and the installation of a package treatment plant & drainage field (Retrospective)
**This re-consultation is to consider only additional information submitted by the applicants relating to Landscaping & Visual Impact Assessment, plus revised drainage strategy. |
| Grid Ref: | OS 372632,245596 |
| App Type: | Planning Permission |

The Chairman asked Mr Owen Fry (on behalf of the applicants) if he wished to make any comments/statements. Mr Fry stated he would be happy to respond to any queries raised by parishioners or Council members.

The Chairman then invited parishioners present to put forward their comments/queries relating to the re-consultation additional information supplied by the applicants.

A parishioner requested that it was made clear that the comments of support made by Mathon Parish Council at the meeting held on 7th February 2022 and sent to Herefordshire Planning, related to “seasonal agricultural workers only.”

Questions were raised relating to the revised drainage plan – covering possible flooding/pollution due to the discharging of treated material into the nearby watercourse/the size of the treatment model. Mr Fry assured the meeting that the revised plan/treatment package had passed all the Herefordshire Council drainage tests and guidance re water courses. The system required a low level of maintenance but would be regularly maintained resulting in the risk of pollution being removed, together with a very low level risk of flooding. However, the Parishioners were not convinced that flooding would not occur.

Parishioners also queried the validity of some of the photographs in the Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment, which in their view did not give a true representation of the impact of the site in relation to the surrounding countryside. However, Mr Fry stated that the professionally taken photographs gave a fair representation.

The Council then considered the re-consultation application after being reassured by Mr Fry that Herefordshire Council would be following up and checking on all aspects of the LVIA and the revised drainage system. The Clerk was asked to send the following comments to Herefordshire Council Planning Department :-

Mathon Parish Council has no objections to any of the additional information submitted by the applicants, and supports the measures set out in the re-consultation information documents.

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