

GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 November 2015 at Green Hammerton Village Hall, Harrogate Road, Green Hammerton at 19:30

15/095 Present

Cllrs Chelton (Chairman), Andrew, M Leather and Tegerdine.

15/096 In Attendance

Seven members of the public.

15/097 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Bailes, G Leather, A Taylor and Cllr Lewis (HBC) sent their apologies.

15/098 Declarations of interest and dispensations

No interests were declared.

15/099 Public participation

Since the items were all in connection with the Linden Homes development, the chairman decided to take the items with the main discussion under the next item on the agenda.

15/100 Linden Homes development

The chairman referred to the recent Newsletter (No.3 - 23.10.15), sent to the village the previous week, and that the planning application received from Linden Homes was for 18 houses rather than the 16 in the earlier proposal by Shepherd Homes.

A major concern was access from Bernard Lane to the development site. The planning history was that development was refused in 1988 and again in 1994 when the development would have "an adverse impact on the setting of the village" and that "Bernard Lane was not suitable for access".

Now Highways have said that if the Bernard Lane junction with York Road was widened by half a meter (by taking it from the pavement) then access was possible.

Members of the public strongly disagreed with this view saying that the main issues were 'visibility' and safety issues caused by the narrow entrance to Bernard Lane, the high wall on the corner and parked cars, vans and the bus stop.

Cllr M Leather said that the footpath (only on one side) narrows to two and a half feet by the drain making it difficult if not impossible for Motability scooters and large pushchairs – they have to use the road and risk cars turning into the lane. Is there a legal minimum width for a pavement? and why have NYCC changed their minds from the 1994 view?

The chairman said that the best access was from the Harrogate Road as envisaged by HBC in their 2013 consultation. This would take access through the Redrow site.

Apart from the access route, the issues are the same as those for the Redrow planning application – the total number of houses for the two sites, drainage and sewerage, traffic and A59 access. The combined total number of houses is 101 compared with the HBC approval for 65. HBC allow for 1.5 cars per house but in rural areas the number will be higher. Jane Bannan pointed out that there was very little capacity for visiting cars to park – just four spaces.

Cllr Leather asked Yorkshire Water workers recently if they were working on the foul water system but was told that these workers were investigating the adequacy of the fresh water supply which is already below recommended levels. So fresh water supply may also be an issue.

The chairman said that he would be sending the Parish Council response to the Linden Homes application and urged members of the public to send in their comments as well.

Dates for future meetings: At 7:30pm in the Village Hall

TUESDAY: 2015 October 20, November 17, 2016 January 19, February 16, March 15