

# HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012.**

## Present

**Councillors:** Adam Temperton (Chair), Simon Cullum, Dave Nichols, Carolyn Nichols, Jean Oswick, Paul Brighten, Geoff Jarvis and Peter Crocker.

**Clerk:** Zoe Godden

**There were 5 members of the public in attendance for the beginning of the meeting.**

The meeting commenced at 19:00

### 1. Apologies and to approve reasons for apology as seen fit.

Apologies had been received from Sue Place and Jim Fitch.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the reason for apology as provided.**

### 2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that item 3b should be brought forward to this point in the meeting.**

### 3. To consider the following planning applications:

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details
a	12/02134/R3C	Installation of a Modular Classroom Building	St Nicholas Primary School, Ash Walk, Henstridge. BA8 0QD
<b><u>RESOLVED:</u> It was proposed and agreed that the parish council supports this application.</b>			
b	12/01887/OUT	Proposed erection of seventeen two-storey dwellings with associated garaging and parking areas.	Land at Furge Lane, Henstridge. BA8 0RS
During discussions, the council raised several issues in relation to this application: that the proposed development was outside the development zone; that the road system in the area would not be able to cope with the increase in traffic; that inadequate parking spaces were proposed; that the houses seen small.			
After discussion between council members, the meeting was opened to the public for their comments to be heard.			
<b><u>RESOLVED:</u> It was proposed and agreed that the parish council supports the parishioners in opposing this development in the strongest possible terms. The reasons for opposing this proposed development are as follows:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The proposed development site is outside of the development area for the village. Any further development must only be carried out if a need is identified via a housing</li></ul>			

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needs survey. No such survey has been carried out.

- The area is an important green space in an already over-developed area.
- The development provides 34 resident car parking spaces and further visitor parking spaces. Due to the exceptionally limited facilities in the village and poor bus service, residents will be dependent on private cars dramatically increasing the use of the immediate roads.
- The immediate road structure is wholly inappropriate. Furge Lane is a single lane carriageway and the nearby Woodhayes is so narrow that as soon as a vehicle parks on the road there is only room for one vehicle to pass. The junction with the A357 has no provision for cars to wait prior to turning to enter Woodhayes Way, which will cause traffic build up back through the traffic calming and into the centre of the village to worsen an already dangerous situation. The only other means of egress would be Furge Grove which is all single carriage way and very narrow.

The parish council insists on sending a representative if this application is submitted to the AE committee. On the basis of inadequate road infrastructure and increased traffic the application should be refused without question.

#### 4. Recent South Somerset District Council Area East decisions

Application number	Proposal	Applicant details	Council comment at the time of first consideration	Current status
12/01409/FUL	The installation of a solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment and boundary fence.	E-tricity Trading Ltd, Land OS 2400 Cherry Bolberry Farm, Landshire Lane, Henstridge	It was proposed and agreed that the parish council supports this application.	Accepted with conditions

5. **Date of Next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012**. All items for inclusion on the agenda and all items to be listed under issues arising from previous meetings must be received by the Clerk by **9.00am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.



**Zöe Godden**  
Parish Clerk

**Meeting ended at 19:19**