

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of a meeting of Henstridge Parish Council held at the Skittle Alley of the Bird in Hand, Ash Walk on Monday 15th February 2016.

Present: David Nichols (Chair), Peter Crocker, Simon Cullum, Richard Kaskow, Carolyn Nichols, Jean Oswick, Sue Place, Michael Player and William Wallace – District and County Councillor.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

The meeting started at 19:03.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Barry Paginton, Dennis Finch, Ken Courtenay, Michael Petheram and Tim Inglefield.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the reasons for absence as reported.

2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Sue Place declared a personal interest in item 4c as she lives opposite the applicant.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st February 2016

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes as presented. Jean Oswick abstained from voting.

4. To consider the following planning application:

	Application number	Proposal	Applicant details
a)	16/00273/FUL	Erection of a new dwelling	Mr & Mrs R Kearly, Land adjoining Keyham Cottage, Vale Street, Henstridge. BA8 0SQ
<p>The matter was discussed and it was confirmed that the exterior walls would be brick and stone. In the interests of ensuring that all new developments were in line with the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement, the Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the Design Statement to the applicant. It was noted that neighbours living opposite the site had expressed concern about potential loss of privacy due to the windows in the new property.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council has no objection to this development but that consideration should be given to any potential overlooking of current dwellings and that a condition should be applied to any permission granted to stipulate that any new trees on the site should be indigenous species.</p>			

5. To note the outcome of the Area East Planning Committee meeting held on 10th February in relation to planning application 15/01500/FUL (Furge Lane) and to agree any further action to be taken.

David Nichols reported that Carolyn Nichols had spoken with the developer after the Area East meeting on 10th February and that it had been suggested that a meeting between the Parish Council and the developer might be beneficial to all parties. Any such meeting would be without commitment to any particular course of action, but may be a good way of avoiding the delay of an appeal while also negotiating a better designed development with fewer dwellings to address the density and parking issues.

The matter was discussed with members noting that they wanted to see an exemplar project that could be held up as a good example of co-operative working.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that a meeting should be arranged between Halsall Homes and the Parish Council, who would be represented by Davis Nichols, Richard Kaskow and the Clerk; that the Parish Council representatives should negotiate without commitment with a view to addressing the reasons for refusal of the application only; that Richard Kaskow was permitted to contact County Highways to ascertain the actual car parking requirements per dwelling and to determine the need for a footpath to the exterior of the site.

The Meeting ended at 19:33.

Date of Next meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Monday 7th March 2016**. 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 25th February.**



**Zoe Godden
Parish Clerk**