

Henstridge Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 26th April 2010.

Present

Councillors: Mickey Vincent (Chair), Paul Brighten, Pete Crocker, Jim Fitch, Geoff Jarvis, David Nicholls, Malcolm Stobart, Adam Temperton, Paul White.

Clerk: Rachel Walker

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

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

Apologies had been received from Mrs Oswick, Mr Symcox, Mr Day and Mrs Rowland and reasons were reported to the meeting.

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

2. Declarations of Interest.

During the meeting Mr Fitch and Mr Temperton declared personal and prejudicial interest in the enforcement notice appeal reported to the Council with regard to Westree Ltd in Marsh Lane, as the immediate neighbours to the property.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12/04/10 (Any amendments necessary to be received on the night).

DEFERRED: Due to the Clerk's holiday, not all members had seen the minutes from the previous meeting and therefore approval was deferred.

4. To consider the following planning applications:

10/01099/ FUL	Proposed insertion of velux conservation rooflights to plots one and two and the erection of open porches to plots three, four and five (GR 372257/118735)	Church Farm, Church Street, Henstridge, BA8 0QE, Mr A Raymond.
<p>There was a general feeling that there was nothing additional in the plans to detract from the existing plans. The possibility that privacy may be invaded if the windows overlook was briefly discussed.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council recommend approval of the application.</p>		

5. Recent SSDC AE Decisions.

The following decisions were reported.

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10/00763/FUL	Raising of East boundary wall (Retrospective application) GR 372513/119587	The Cottage, High Street, Henstridge, BA8 0RF, Mr L Van Wyk	Permission refused
10/00033/OUT	The erection of an agricultural works dwelling	Land and farm buildings at Cherry Bulberry Farm, Furge Lane, Henstridge	Permission granted

6. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications and enforcement issues.

The Chair reported that an appeal against an Enforcement notice had been received with regard to Westree Sawmills, Marsh Lane, and he summarised the alleged breach of control and reasons for issue of an enforcement notice.

Mr Temperton and Mr Fitch declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter as immediate neighbours of the sawmill and left the meeting.

Mr Jarvis strongly expressed his belief that as the sawmills is an existing business that employs local residents, that if there is a need for expansion the Council should support this and that they should therefore support the opposition of the enforcement notice.

Other members felt that while they would not necessarily oppose the expansion that has taken place if it had been put forward as part of a planning application, that there are appropriate procedures to go through to achieve this and that while the Council should support the expansion of local business, that it would be inappropriate for the Council to support expansion being carried out in such a manner, as it would set a precedent, suggesting that the Council felt that it was acceptable for people to flout the rules.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Council would undertake to support the applicant in any legitimate application to rectify the current situation and would do so wholeheartedly in support of the expansion of a local business employing local people.

Mr Fitch and Mr Temperton returned to the meeting.

The next meeting of Henstridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 10th May 2010. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Thursday 29th April 2010.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm.