

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Planning Meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 27th February 2012.

Present

Councillors: Simon Cullum (Chair), Adam Temperton, Mickey Vincent, Jean Oswick, Paul Brighten, Dave Nichols, Carolyn Nichols, Peter Crocker, Paul White, Sue Place, Jim Fitch and Geoff Jarvis.

Clerk: Zöe Godden

The meeting began at 19:15

There were 0 members of the public in attendance.

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

No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on 09.05.11, 10.10.11, 07.11.11, 21.11.11 and 09.01.12 (Any amendments necessary to be received on the night).

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the minutes without amendment.

4. To consider the following planning applications.

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| a | 11/04240/FUL | Installation and operation of a solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment with a maximum array height of 2.6m and a maximum installed capacity of 50kW | Mr Anthony Gaffey, Land at Cherry Bolberry Farm, Landshire Lane, Henstridge |
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The application was discussed. Sue Place reported that she has visited the site and feels that the development would not be obtrusive to the landscape. It is intended to power the farm. Any excess electricity generated will feed back into the National Grid. Councillors understood and respected that, due to the high cost of electricity, it made good business sense for the farm to attempt to generate its own power. The councillors agreed that they had a responsibility to support sustainable, environmentally friendly initiatives where possible.

The information accompanying the application states that 87% efficiency is achievable. This figure was discussed and there was some uncertainty as to how achievable it may be due to the direction in which the solar panels are facing on the plans. However, this was thought to be a matter for the applicant to address.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to fully support the application on the grounds that it is the responsibility of the parish council to support sustainable developments.

Adam Temperton asked for his objection to the application to be noted.

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| b | 12/00346/FUL | Erection of a timber fence to side of property (retrospective) | 1 Brookland Way, Henstridge BA8 0QR |
| <p>The application was discussed. There was some concern that the new fence may obstruct the view of neighbouring properties. Councillors recalled that a condition on the original development was to keep the gardens open-plan. However, as the development has been in place for many years, there was no way of checking. It was suggested that this is more a legal matter upon which the parish council should not comment at this stage, due to the lack of information required to make a judgement.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the parish council abstains from any recommendation but request that the clerk writes to South Somerset District Council to ask them to check the historic legal position of the area as a whole and thereafter consider any highways or other issue that may arise as a result of the fence.</p> | | | |

5. Recent SSDC AE Decisions.

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| a | 11/05020/FUL | Erection of a replacement building for repair, maintenance and storage of events infrastructure, including office accommodation | Mr Michael Brent, Land at Bowbridge, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge |
| The clerk informed the council that permission for this application had been granted. | | | |

6. Report of appeals received for consideration at future meetings.

There were no appeals to consider

7. Matters of report from previous applications.

There were no other matters of report to discuss.

The next meeting of Henstridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 5th March 2012. The closing date for items for inclusion on the agenda has passed.

Meeting ended at 19:27



Zöe Godden
Parish Clerk