

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 29 JULY 2019 AT 7 PM**  
**AT NETHER STOWEY VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: John Roberts (Chairman)  
Colin Falla  
Kevin Ferriday  
Margaret Hogg  
Pat Pardoe  
Chris Pearson  
Malcolm Reid  
Barbara Rich

In attendance: Caro Slaymaker (Clerk)  
Cllr Michael Caswell, SCC/SDC  
Cllr Julie Pay, SDC  
Four members of the public

**Public Session**

One member of the public had a number of questions about the proposed development and other non-related matters.

**P-0155 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jeanes, engaged elsewhere. The absence was **approved**.

**P-0156 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**P-0157 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 February 2019 were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**P-0158 Planning Applications**

**Planning Ref:** 36/19/00016 – Cricketer Farm site, Nether Stowey

**Proposal:** Erection of 110 dwellings with access onto the A39, landscaping, parking, public open space and associated works.

The following response was **agreed**:

*The Parish Council supports this application with the following comments*

*1) Decrease the amount of red brick facades and increase render/stone finishes to be more in keeping with Stowey Court and general appearance/character of the village*

*2) The Parish Council considers the developers' predicted traffic volumes are too low and Section 13.2 of the Design and Access Statement refers to a "main bus route" which no longer exists. It is believed that residents will have more cars and that the resultant traffic impact will be higher than the developers' estimates.*

*3) The Parish Council questions the accuracy of Somerset County Council's education forecast for primary school numbers. Sustainability of the school is doubtful as a recent development of 20 houses resulted in 28 new pupils at the school. A development of this size is likely to result in far more pupils than SCC Education estimate. In addition, this will lead to increased (school run) traffic exacerbating existing traffic issues which will also adversely affect the amenity of surrounding properties through parking on verges etc on a narrow lane with no pavements.*

**P-0159 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm