

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2015 AT 6.30PM
IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Present: Parish Councillors: John Roberts (Chairman)
Patricia Pardoe
Colin Penny
Barbara Rich

Public Session

No members of the public attended the meeting.

P-0083 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Malcolm Hogg and Cllr Margaret Hogg (on holiday). The absences were approved.

P-0084 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P-0085 Planning Applications

- i) **Planning Ref:** 36/15/0008 – 4 Five Lords, Nether Stowey
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to East elevation
Applicant: Mr and Mrs BN Buller

Councillors present had visited the site before the meeting. Response proposed by Cllr Rich, seconded Cllr Pardoe, all **agreed**.

Response: The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

- ii) **Planning Ref:** 36/15/0009 – Land at Cricketer Farm, Nether Stowey
Proposal: Extension to existing and approved car park to form of additional car parking for employees and visitors and also as a park and ride scheme in association with the construction of Hinkley Point development for a period of 2 years and thereafter to be used as employee and visitor parking.

Applicant: Cricketer Farm

Councillors present had visited the site before the meeting. There was discussion centring on the traffic problems and road safety issues that the proposal would cause. The following response was **agreed** by all Councillors.

Response: The Parish Council objects to this application in the interests of highway safety. The proposed Park and Ride scheme will mean up to 100 cars entering and leaving the site at the busy commuting/school run times as well as 4-5 minibus journeys carrying workers to and from the Hinkley site twice a day. This will have a significant impact on local traffic entering and exiting the village opposite the entrance to Cricketer Farm site. There have been numerous serious accidents at this junction, which is on one of the few high speed stretches of the A39 where it is possible to overtake. In addition it is already extremely dangerous for pedestrians to cross this road and it will also impact on the vehicle and pedestrian safety at Stogursey Lane crossroads, where there have also been a number of accidents. The situation could only be mitigated with a major traffic management system such as traffic light control.

P-0086 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be arranged.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm