

MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD AND HARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - RAU INNOVATION CENTRE HARNHILL 7:00PM THURSDAY 9th February 2017

Present: Chair Cllr A. Whitaker
Vice Chair Cllr A. Norris
Cllr B. J. Ford (John Ford)
Cllr N. White
Cllr. P. David

Clerk: Lisa Dent

8 Residents in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Gateway/Signage

Cllr Norris advised he has been in contact to progress the sizing and siting of the signage, and he has received a email/final draft which will be forwarded. It was confirmed that the specification of the product is plastic signage with a wooden appearance and that they are produced to Highways standard specification.

Cllr White then instigated discussion regarding whether the specification could be changed to wooden signage and that it was thought RAU would positively engage with this change and the financial contribution to the higher costs. It was queried that timber signage would involve ongoing maintenance and therefore costs to the Parish Council who are responsible for the assets once installed, rather than the current plastic specification which is maintenance free. Cllr White confirmed he would take responsibility for ensuring the wooden signage was kept up to Highways maintenance standards, should the Parish Council resolve that this is the requirement. The current costs for the signage is £4K, traffic survey is £2K.

Cllr Norris advised the present arrangements for the signage are:- The village gateway signs at Harnhill will be placed at the crossroads, the Driffield gateway signs will be placed between the double field gates and the right angle bend prior to the village. The two village signs between the villages will be replaced with new ones and have 'Thank you for driving slowly' on the reverse. The council will paint SLOW on the road either side of the bend by Driffield church and put up a more visible yellow background sign on the approach from Harnhill.

It was advised by Cllr Norris that the signage positioning is not 'final' and once costings have been defined the final figure will be presented to RAU to establish their contribution. It was confirmed Highways Dept will install the signs.

There then followed a discussion regarding reducing speed limits and it was agreed by all present that this was not an option for the Parish Council to pursue.

Cllr Norris will seek further information regarding plastic or wood specification and costings and keep RAU updated with developments. There remained some concern over the longer-

term aspects of wooden signage as an ongoing maintenance responsibility to the Parish Council.

2b. Maintenance to Parish Noticeboards/Benches

Cllr White proposed that maintenance is required to the 2 x Parish Notice Boards and it was also acknowledged that the Parish benches will require maintenance also (nearer the summer). This will be placed on the agenda for the March Parish Council meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ford declared a Declaration of Interest and declined to comment to item:

4.a a. Outline application Ref. No: 16/05335/OUT

(with appearance, landscaping and layout reserved for further consideration) for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling

4. PLANNING - Resolve: To review/comment

a. Outline application Ref. No: 16/05335/OUT (Consultation expiry date Thurs 16th Feb 2017) (with appearance, landscaping and layout reserved for further consideration) for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling. Land Northwest Of Manor Farm, Driffield, Gloucs.

The plans and statements from Cotswold District Council planning portal had been sent to Councillors to review prior to the meeting.

Comments from Councillors: (1) no objection to the proposed dwelling with a Section 106 agreement attached to the development and that an agricultural-tie be attached to the development for people in agricultural employment (NW/PD) (2) in favour, it was queried whether an agricultural-tie would be necessary and that the Planning Departments take would hold strong views as to if this is necessary (AN).

Comments from members of the public (1) no objection but to request a planning restriction with Section 106 attached which would will run with land in perpetuity, for a specified period (2) no objection to proposal but by tie-ing the property to the farm it becomes part of the agricultural setting and whilst there is concern it may promote further development, it would be preferable if the dwelling were to be 'attached' to the farm land. (3) The outline plans do not show detail and these will be developed. Use of dwelling and design are expected to be in keeping. Would like to see a use of restriction (a level of control) which would be achieved through planning.

Comments from applicants proposing the planning application: (1) Should Section 106 or CIL monies be due, the applicants will of course be compliant with this. (2) To site the dwelling with the land/farm unit is an improvement to the health and safety issues of working alone and also security of equipment and machinery. (3) The applicant are a young family looking to move into and engage with village life and become part of the environment and remain committed to this project. (4) There is no intention for further development of land.

Clerk advised with regards to the adoption of the new local plan that there may be a change in force from Section 106 to CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy), that this might be only applicable to multiple units (more than one dwelling) and will seek further clarification from Cotswold District Council. It was noted that Cotswold District Council will set the level of finance attached to Section 106 or CIL.

Should Section 106/CIL monies be applicable to this development, there then followed a discussion as to what they could be used for within the Parish. It was proposed that development of possible communal facilities to Drifffield Church such as toilet/kitchen facilities and upgrade of heating, to make it a community, income generating space would be a possible project.

RESOLUTION: It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr David that the Parish Council issue a comment of: **‘Support, subject to conditions of an agricultural-tie to dwelling; that a Section 106 agreement (if decided as applicable to this development by planning officer) would be for the benefit of the Parish. No objections, all councillors in favour.**

4. b. PLANNING - Resolve: To review/comment

Non-material amendment to application 16/01603/FUL Ref. No: 17/00147/NONMAT

Lower Farm Harnhill Drifffield Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PU Status: Decided
The Parish Council acknowledged this non-material amendment to colour scheme.

5. FINANCE– Resolve

It was proposed by AW and seconded by AN that the Clerks invoice January 2017 and HMRC PAYE payment be approved. All councillors in favour.

It was noted that until PAYE issues are resolved Clerks salary would be by cheque payment. Internet banking access has been approved and is working well.

Accounts for payment and cheques for signature

	For	£ Amount	Chq No
HMRC	PAYE	70.42	000185
L Dent	Clerk salary/expenses Feb 2017	76.50	000186
		146.92	

6. Items for Information

Traffic Survey

Traffic survey is scheduled for 20th February to give a vehicle count and vehicle speed information. 3 sites, by phone box Harnhill, Farm Lane off T junction, gateway out of Drifffield (at other end). With a reasonably straight road, this should give an accurate assessment of speed and remains in place for 7 days. Data is processed a week later then the report will follow, so we expect around mid-March. It may be possible to have this for 14 March PCM, Cllr Norris will request. If we feel there are speed issues to address, we can then speak to Glos Road Safety Partnership to request loan of a speed camera and seek assistance from community members.

7. There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Date and time of next meeting Tues 14th March at 7 pm. at The Market Canteen

Agenda for next meeting

- New gateway signage
- Maintenance - Notice Boards and Benches
- Amendments to portfolios
- Amendments to Standing Orders

Introduction of representative groups to Parish Council meetings (e.g. Healing Centre).