

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of North Curry Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 7.30p.m.**

Present: Mr A Turner (Chairman), Mrs C D Stodgell, Mr G Cable, Mrs C Vaughan, Mrs J Leader, Mr B Jeanes, Ms C Smith and Mr I Fugett.

Members of the Public: Kathryn & Charles Baker

1. **APOLOGIES** – Mrs M Burt

2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 30th AUGUST 2017** – Mr Cable proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting, Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Interests were declared by Ms Smith re. application 24/17/0046 and Mrs Leader re. application 24/17/0050 as they had neighbouring properties.

4. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.

5. **APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL**

24/17/0034 – Change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian with erection of barn for housing of sheep and horses and formation of a track on land at Greenway, North Curry – The Chairman explained the application. Concerns were expressed regarding the access onto Oxen Lane, Mrs Baker clarified that the access was already in use and the number of traffic movements wouldn't change. There was discussion about changing the access to Greenway, although this was a busier and faster road and would necessitate moving the gate away from the road to allow vehicles to get off the road before opening the gate, some hedgerow may also need to be removed. Comment was also made re. the size of the barns. After discussion Mrs Stodgell proposed the Parish Council support the application asking for a condition to be placed on the permission that the buildings only ever be for equestrian use. The comments would also ask for additional screening on the south-east hedge facing Greenway. Mr Jeanes seconded the proposal, which was passed.

24/17/0042 - Erection of a replacement fence at Manor Farm, Stoke Road, North Curry -

The Chairman explained the application, noting the lack of privacy and reading out the Historic England comments. After brief discussion Mrs Vaughan proposed North Curry Parish Council object to the granting of permission, commenting that it wholeheartedly agreed with the Historic England comments and that whilst the Parish Council understood the need for privacy, this fence would totally destroy the cohesiveness of the farmstead. Mrs Leader seconded the proposal, which was passed. **7.55 pm** Mr & Mrs Baker left the meeting.

24/17/0043 – Creation of gateway and access with construction of bridge over ditch on land at Lillesdon Barn, Lillesdon Lane, North Curry -

The Chairman explained the application, noting that the gateway opened onto the A378. The Landscape Officers comments regarding the biodiversity of the hedge were also noted. After discussion the Chairman proposed the Parish Council object to the granting of permission, commenting that they had concerns re. having large agricultural vehicles accessing onto the busy A378, and that the Parish Council would prefer to see the new entrance onto this parcel of land off Lillesdon Lane from field no. 3783. Comments would also say that, should the application be successful the Parish Council would not like to see a trackway of any kind across the field. Ms Smith seconded the proposal, which was passed.

24/17/0046 – Variation of Condition no.s 01 (restrictions of occupier and limited period) and 03 (number of caravans) of application 24/11/0017 at Stoney Ridge, Langport Road,

Wrantage – The Chairman explained the application, location and use of the caravan by Amy Penfold and Mrs Stodgell explained the history of the site and the caravans on it. After discussion the Chairman proposed the Parish Council object to the application commenting that any permissions given on this site were for Amy Penfold’s residence only and, as the conditions are no longer being met, the permissions have lapsed. Mrs Vaughan seconded the proposal, which was passed, Ms Smith abstained.

24/17/0047 – Erection of single storey extension and replacement garage, conversion of original garage to habitable accommodation and construction of deck area at first floor level at Sunnyside, The Fosse, North Curry - The Chairman explained the application. Concern was expressed that the ridge is a landscape feature and that the metal balustrading around the deck area would stand out. After discussion Mr Fugett proposed the Parish Council object to the granting of permission, commenting that this was primarily due to the metal railings around the deck area not being in keeping with the landscape and that the Parish Council would be minded to support the application should the metal railings be substituted with clear glass which would reduce the visual impact in this prominent position on North Curry ridge. The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed.

24/17/0049 – Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 8 Chapel Close, North Curry – The Chairman explained the application and after brief discussion Mr Jeanes proposed that Parish Council support the application. Mrs Stodgell seconded the proposal, which was passed.

24/17/0050 – Erection of single and two storey extensions to side and rear of 15 Portmans, North Curry - The Chairman explained the application and after brief discussion proposed that the Parish Council support the application. Mr Fugett seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mrs Leader abstained.

6. PERMISSIONS / REFUSALS RECEIVED -

24/17/0039 – Replacement of conservatory with single storey extension to side of Barcroft Cottage, Langport Road, Wrantage - Granted – Noted

7. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE –

Corr. P1060 TDBC Cert. of lawful use or development for Home Meadow, Broad Lane – Noted, Clerk to check with TDBC re. the status of the agricultural land adjoining the house and comment re. TDBC not informing the Parish Council of the decision.

Corr. P1061 Appeal Decision re. The Paddock, Manor Farm, Stoke Road – The dismissal of the appeal was noted.

Corr. P1062 TDBC re. St James Court landscaping agreement – Noted.

Corr. P1063 CPRE Magazine & AGM invitation – Noted.

8. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – Mrs Vaughan expressed concern about the quality and longevity of the tarmac on the new 9-Acre Lane footpath. Mrs Leader noted that the driveway had been dug out at 8 Windmill Hill.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.