

**Minutes of the Planning Committee of North Curry Parish Council
Held via Zoom on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mr T Turner (Chairman), Mrs T Stodgell, Mrs C Vaughan, Mr B Jeanes, Mrs C Smith, Mr G Cable, Mrs H Griffiths.

Members of the Public: Mrs S Herriman

1 *Apologies:* Mrs J Leader

2 *To approve the minutes of the last the Planning meeting held on 25th November 2020**
Meeting held via Zoom. Mrs Stodgell proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Mr Jeanes, which was carried.

3 *Declarations of interest:* Mrs C Smith declared an interest in Item 5 on the Agenda 24/20/0001/LEW.

4 *Matters Arising:* None

5 *Applications for comment by North Curry Parish Council*

24/20/0057 Erection of a drive through garage to house a mobile theatre with a formation of vehicular access and hardstanding at Sedgemoor Cottage, Sedgemoor Road, North Curry: The owner Mrs S Herriman was present for the discussion. The Chairman explained the application reporting it would be a large timber structure with a steel roof and openings at each end to accommodate a mobile theatre trailer. An additional entrance would be made to enable the trailer to drive in and drive out safely. After discussion, the Chairman proposed that we support the application. However, the Parish Council would like to make the following comments, to see the building constructed further away from the road and screened by substantial planting if moved or not. To ensure the new entrance doesn't reduce the water flow to the ditch and has an adequate culvert, this was seconded by Mr Cable, which was carried. Mrs S Herriman left the meeting.

24/21/0001/LEW Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing change of use of land for a permanent siting of 8 No. caravans and the temporary siting of 2 No. caravans on part of the site at Stonehead Caravan Park, Langport Road, Wrantage: The Chairman explained the application reporting the site in question was positioned right at the top of the site by Thornfalcon. The original application was for temporary siting of the caravans, condition 2 of the application stated they could only be occupied for more than 28 days in any 2 month period and condition 3 stated they could not be used from the 1st November until the end of February. The Owners are asking for the two conditions to be removed to keep permanent caravans there all year. After much discussion the Chairman proposed to support the application, this was seconded by Mrs C Stodgell, which was carried. During discussions on this application there was confusion as to North Curry's situation regarding allocation of Gypsy/Traveller pitches plus what constituted a pitch, it was decided to ask our district councillor (P Stone) if he could clarify the situation in consultation with Somerset West and Taunton Council.

24/20/0060 Erection of open veranda to end of coffee shop at North Curry Community Shop, Town Farm Community stable, Town Farm, North Curry: The Chairman explained the application and that SW&T are currently reviewing the plans regarding materials to use, after a discussion the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the application in principal, this was seconded by Mrs C Smith, which was carried.

6 *Permission/Refusals received:*

24/20/0042/LEW Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing use of the holiday unit as a permanent residential dwelling at the Barn, Ludwells Farm, Langport

Road, Wrantage – Decision of Refusal was made by the development Control Manager under delegated powers on 02/12/2020.

24/20/0046 Conversion of part of barn to domestic annexe and home office space at Lillesdon Barn, Lillesdon Lane, North Curry – Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 02/12/2020.

24/20/0047/LB Conversion of part of barn to domestic annexe and home office space at Lillesdon Barn, Lillesdon Lane, North Curry – Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 03/12/2020.

20/20/0051 Replacement of a single storey side extension with the erection of a single storey extension to the side and rear at Helland, Standstone Cottage, West Sedgemoor Road, North Curry – Decision of Conditional Approval was made by the Development Control Manager under delegated powers 07/12/2020.

24/20/0052 Erection of single storey extensions to the front and rear of 8 Longs Field, North Curry - Decision of Conditional Approval was made by the Development Control Manager under delegated powers 11/12/2020.

7 *Planning correspondence*

Corr1. Letter from SW&T Planning Enforcement – re unauthorised erection of outbuilding at Howards End, Lillesdon, North Curry - complaint registered.

Corr2. Letter From SW&T Planning Enforcement – re unauthorised development of a manage at Snellgroves, Combe Lane, Knapp, North Curry – complaint registered.

Corr3. Letter from SW&T Planning Enforcement to explain letters have been sent to the owners of Howards End and Snellgroves and await their response.

Corr1-3: The Chairman explained that from a previous meeting concerns were raised regarding unauthorised building at Howards Ends, Lillesdon and Snellgroves, Knapp, North Curry. The Parish Council wrote to ask SW&T Planning to investigate the issue. SW&T Planning Enforcement registered the complaints, who contact each owner and discovered that both properties required planning permission to continue building.

Planning Application 24/18/0039 Stables Borough Post: The Parish Council sent a letter to SW&T to raise concerns from ourselves and the residents of Borough Post regarding fencing and gates erected on the Stables development that were not as stated on the original application. SW&T replied to the letter, explaining as long as the gates and fence are no higher than 2m they are considered to constitute “permitted development” and do not require planning permission and nothing legally they can do. The Parish Council wrote back to SW&T expressing their dissatisfaction and received a reply once again saying nothing legally they can do, the residents of Borough Post have been informed.

8 *Matters for discussion*

In a previous meeting a query was raised regarding Sedgemoor College and the lack of planting around the car park which was a stipulation of a previous planning application, it was asked where we had got with this as it was a matter raised at a previous meeting. The Chairman explained that the Clerk had contacted SW&T who said they would contact the owners to ensure planting is done. It was suggested to chase SW&T to ensure this has been done as this is now the planting season. The Clerk to action.