

BYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2012 in BYFIELD VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllrs J Gillic (Chairman), A Bailey, M Buckley, J Cannell and D Jones
Also present – 3 parishioners

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were accepted from Cllrs Marsh and Shepherd

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

- 12TH April. Carried forward to next meeting.

2. PLANNING MATTERS - Daventry DC

a) APPLICATIONS

i) 2012/0232 - Byfield Nursery, Primary School, Bell Lane for covered play area.
Cllr Cannell outlined the application and reported he had spoken with the school, in whose grounds the Nursery sits. There is liaison between the school and nursery and NCC has to be involved because it owns the site. The initial plans had just been amended to meet local concerns.

- Meeting closed to hear comments from representatives from the Nursery including answering questions from councillors.

Meeting re-opened.

Cllr Cannell proposed that Council offer No Observations as a comment, but that it be requested that all occupiers of the site are in agreement with any proposals.
Agreed by all.

Clk

The Chairman proposed a change in the agenda order to bring forward item 5b. Agreed.

5. COUNCIL PROPERTY

b) Request by fete committee to borrow gazebos. It was agreed that the two gazebos could be lent to the fete (23 June) but only on production of adequate insurance cover for the gazebos, which would cost around £1800 each to replace if damaged. Fiona Jones from the organising committee agreed to provide suitable insurance cover and to give this detail to the Clerk.

Council reverted to the agenda order.

Item 1A continued

ii) 2012/253 - adj 14 Banbury Lane for construction of dwelling attached to existing dwelling.
Cllr Cannell explained that 14 Banbury Lane is at one end of the row of Edwardian(?) cottages off Whitecroft Lane which can be accessed only by foot from Banbury Lane via Right of Way EF5. There is no permitted vehicular access; Whitecroft Lane being privately owned. The proposal is for a narrow 3-storey dwelling to be built in the side garden of no. 14 and for the property to be occupied by the elderly parents of one of the applicants. Vehicle access to the proposed dwelling along Whitecroft Lane had been agreed, with parking on land belonging to the applicants.

Cllr Gillic proposed that the Council OBJECT on the grounds of over-use of the site and the legal complications that could arise for parking for this dwelling when there is a change of owner - of either the proposed property or the nearby property belonging to the applicants. It was also felt that a bay window should be provided at the ground floor front to match many of the other cottages in the row. This was seconded by Cllr Cannell and agreed by all. **Clk**

2b APPROVALS

i) 2012/0055- 42 Banbury Lane for renewal of permission 2009/239 for dwelling and garage

ii) 2012/0032 - 5A Westhorpe Mews for removal of Condition 7 of permission 2011/414 - relates to footings for additional dwelling.

3. PLANNING MATTERS - Northants CC

i) **12/00019/WAS** - for Certificate of Lawful Use for storing and sorting inert waste materials at APB Demolition, Boddington Road, Byfield (ex PoW camp).

Cllr Cannell explained that while it has been known that this activity has been going on at the site for some time the Council was not in a position to challenge the length of time that the business has been operating as put forward by the applicant.

He suggested that Council could though express concern about the number of HGVs accessing and exiting the site using narrow country lanes within the village, including the damage these have done to the roads and grass verges. He also suggested that Council ask if there is a site licence for the re-cycling work being carried out? His suggestions were agreed by all. **Clk**

4) Any **urgent** planning matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

i) Operators Licence application for Island Commercials, Boddington Road, Byfield (also ex PoW camp site) Cllr Cannell explained that the Parish Council would not automatically be a consultee on any application to the Traffic Commissioner but could write to the Commissioner expressing concern that this business is generating much HGV use of narrow country lanes in Byfield and adjacent villages. It was agreed that the Clerk write along these lines to the Commissioner. **Clk**

5. COUNCIL PROPERTY

a) Council noticeboard in Bell Lane Cllr Jones proposed that the better location would be in the verge at the junction with Greenwood Close. This was accepted by all providing nearby parishioners were in agreement. The Clerk would contact the neighbours. **Clk**
It was noted that Northants CC had already agreed to the use of this part of the highway, subject to neighbour agreement.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 10 May

Chairman

May 2012

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