

MINUTES

NEWTON ST LOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Newton St Loe Parish Council held on Thursday 19 October 2017 at 7 p.m. in Newton St Loe Village Hall

Present: Parish councillors Mark Foster (Chairman), John Everitt and Kylie Light

Also in attendance: Clerk and five members of the public

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU53/17: Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Hugh Gay.

COU54/17: Declaration of Acceptance of Office of a councillor

The Clerk reported that John Everitt had made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman welcomed John to his first meeting as a parish councillor.

COU55/17: Declarations of interest

Mark Foster declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 6 (planning application 17/04208/FUL) as relatives of his worked in the Farm Shop.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU56/17: Public participation

Members of the public commented on Agenda item 6 (planning application 17/04208/FUL):

- There had been no pre-application consultation
- Were residents aware of the application?
- Would there be an increase in traffic?
- Residents were concerned about the expansion of the business

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COU57/17: Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 September 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU58/17: Comments on planning applications

17/04208/FUL: Farm Shop And Cafe Newton Farm Village Road Newton St. Loe Bath: Extension to existing farm shop/cafe with new entrance, office and additional seating, details at

<https://isharemaps.bathnes.gov.uk/data.aspx?requesttype=parsetemplate&template=DevelopmentControlApplication.tmlt&basepage=data.aspx&Filter=%5erefval%5e='17/04208/FUL'&SearchLayer=DCApplications>

Members considered this application. Members accepted that the proposals would bring more employment to the village. However members considered that improved service to customers, which had been mentioned in comments in support of the application, was not a material planning consideration. Members also noted that most of the comments in support of the application had been made by people from outside the village. Members also regretted the lack of pre-application consultation with residents and suggested that the applicant might wish to withdraw the application and submit a new application after consultation with residents.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:

- The extension would result in an increase in car traffic in the narrow roads of the village
- The extension would result in an increase in on-street parking in roads already suffering at many times from excessive on-street parking
- Both the increase in traffic and the increase in parking would result in the roads in the village being less safe for pedestrians
- The extended opening hours, especially on Friday and Saturday, would result in a significant increase in noise pollution and late night traffic, especially when cars are leaving the premises on Friday and Saturday evenings
- The extended opening hours were likely to result in an increase in light pollution
- The extended opening hours might lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour in the village
- The Parish Council was concerned about the effect of the extension on the Green Belt
- The Parish Council was concerned about the effect of the extension on the visual appearance of a listed building.

COU59/17: Invoice for payment

RESOLVED that the following invoice be approved for payment:

- City Web Design, web design deposit and domain and hosting costs: £368.98 (supersedes incorrect payment authorised on 21 September)

Meeting closed 7.40 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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