



**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Alderholt Parish Council
Planning Committee held remotely at 10.10am on Wednesday 23rd
December 2020**

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Present; Cllr Gina Logan (Chairman)
Cllr Steve Butler
Cllr David Tooke
Ms Lee Ellis (Clerk)
1 member of the public – Cllr Martin Smethers

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Welcome from the Chairman and housekeeping

The Chairman, Cllr Gina Logan welcomed everyone to the remote meeting.

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Adrian Hibberd.

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Declarations of Interest

Cllr David Tooke made the following statement;

I am looking at these applications and voting based on the information before me at this time. If this application is referred to Dorset Council Planning Committee there will be much more background information available, and information flowing from their debate, and I may well alter my view at that time. On this basis Dorset Council's Monitoring Officer has advised that it **is appropriate** for me to take part both at this meeting and at Dorset Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

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Application No: 3/20/1732/FUL, High Wood, Alderholt to be forwarded to Dorset Council.

At the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 7th December 2020, a report was submitted Application No: 3/20/1732/FUL, Highwood, Alderholt. It was resolved at Minute No 39/20 to object to the planning application to Dorset Council.

Following the above meeting, an informal meeting was held between Alderholt Parish Council and Savills. As a result of this informal meeting, it was felt that additional comments from Alderholt Parish Council should be submitted to Dorset Council.

Circulated separately and attached at Appendix '1' are the additional comments from Alderholt Parish Council to Dorset Council on the High Wood, Alderholt application.

It was proposed by Cllr S. Butler and seconded by Cllr Tooke that the additional comments on Application No: 3/20/1732/FUL, High Wood, Alderholt be submitted to Dorset Council. ALL IN FAVOUR



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Appendix '1'

Naomi Shinkins
Lead Project Officer
Eastern Area Development Management
Dorset Council

Dear Miss Shinkins

Proposal: - PA 3/20/1732/FUL Use of High Wood as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)
Location: - High Wood, Alderholt, SP6 3RB

With reference to the above application and our recently submitted objection, we wish to make a further comment.

Following the meeting which occurred after our submission, between Savills and Alderholt Parish Council at which Pennyfarthing Homes offered the ownership and responsibility of the SANG to Alderholt Parish Council for the life of the SANG, we wish to state that there is no way in which the Council would wish to take on such a responsibility.

This decision is made for a number of reasons, as it is a small landlocked piece of land with a number of high risks and associated costs: -

- High costs in the future associated with removing fallen trees and windblown trees
- Scheduled tree removal and replanting costs
- SNIC protection
- Protecting the scheduled ancient monument to meet the requirements of Historic England
- Ongoing prohibitive costs of maintenance due to the need to take "responsible precautions" to meet criteria of Public Liability Insurance

None of these issues have been addressed as the application doesn't provide a fully detailed and costed SANG Management Plan.

It should also be noted that the cost of providing and maintaining a SANG within a greenfield site will be much less than trying to take a waterlogged plantation back into a managed deciduous woodland.

We wish for these comments to be considered when determining the application

Yours sincerely