



ALDERHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Alderholt Parish Council Planning Committee held in the Alderholt Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 20th January 2025.

Present: Cllr G Logan (Chairman), Cllr A Butler (arrived 6.50pm), Cllr S Butler, Cllr A Hibberd, Cllr D Tooke, Mrs K Brooker (Asst Clerk), Mrs N Ashton (Clerk) and 59 members of the public.

01/25 Welcome from the Chairman and housekeeping notices:

Cllr Logan welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

02/25 To receive and accept apologies for absence:

None received.

03/25 To receive declarations of interest and/or consider the granting of dispensations:

No declarations of interest were received declared or dispensations granted.

04/25 To confirm the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 16th December 2024 are a correct record of that meeting:

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record of that meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.

05/25 Chairman's Announcements:

There were no announcements made.

06/25 Public Forum:

Councillors voted unanimously to suspend standing orders in order to lift the restriction on speaking time and allow public discussion. Cllr Logan then gave a report regarding the application for the proposed gravel extraction site at Midgham Farm and then invited comments from the floor.

A number of public representations were made regarding the Midgham Farm application including.

- Impact on house value.
- Lack of community support from the Bleak Hill site, only £2000 in 30 years
- Bleak Hill/Hamer Warren extended to 2029 indicating that the site has been used for longer due to reduced commercial viability. Is there a requirement for this much sand/gravel.
- Bleak Hill/Hamer Warren only contribute £1000 per annum for road maintenance.
- Operating hours – Hamer Warren not open on Saturdays as not commercially viable.



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- Query over the predicted lorry movements – how is this monitored? No ANPR at site entrance of Hamer Warren.
- Would photographic/video evidence be helpful of the approach roads, in particular where it is suggested the road be widened. Residents are encouraged to send as much reasonable evidence as they have.
- How are the Local Planning Authority/Parish Council letting residents know about the application? Currently updates on PC website and Facebook page and in Parish News. Parish Council to consider leaflet drop and Posters around village.
- Safety implications for young people.
- Safety implications for horse riders, cyclists, pedestrians accessing Drove End.
- Should previous comments for the original consultation be reiterated? Residents encouraged to submit comments again as this is for the actual application.
- Pollution, noise, dust and the effect on the River Avon.
- Application states floodlighting on the access road, bats migrate over these fields and impact on nearby Cranborne Chase Dark sky reserve
- Impact on the flood meadows along stretch of river between Bickton and Harbridge and Ibsley. Currently breaching the banks despite very minimal recent rainfall.
- 976 objections to the consultation which formed 42% of overall responses
- Could APC's previous responses be made available for Regulation 18/Regulation 19 and the original application from 1992. **PC to add to website.**
- Land security/Food Production – large area to be taken out of agricultural use. Will it be reverted to agricultural use after the lifespan of the quarry.
- Impact on local wildlife including nightjars, field mice, bats.
- Celebrity endorsement by someone like Chris Packham, is this worth pursuing?
- What is inert infill? Mainly building rubble and clay.
- Air Pollution – research and evidence that this causes health conditions.
- If application goes ahead can conditions be requested? Yes, reasonable conditions can be requested as part of any granted permission but not guaranteed.
- Have the Local Planning Authority considered alternative sources (recycling etc).
- What are material considerations for Planning?

Broadly speaking, material planning considerations are determined from the viewpoint that planning is concerned with public interest. Therefore, the ways in which land use works in favour of or against this are of relevance.

As a result, material planning considerations include things that have the potential to affect the wider community, covering things like outlook,



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contaminated land, highways, smells or fumes and adequacy of parking spaces etc.

- What is not a Material Planning Consideration?
Though there are a wide range of issues that are classed as material planning considerations, some common issues are not able to be considered by local planning authorities. As material planning considerations are concerned with public interest, more private objections are unlikely to be taken into account. Objections therefore need to be reasonable.

For example, perceived loss of property value, loss of views, boundary disputes and personal opinions about the applicant are not considered to be material. Though these concerns are often understandable, local planning authorities are only able to make judgements based on material planning considerations.

07/25 To consider new planning applications received from Hampshire and Dorset County Council for comment by this committee.

APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION AND APPLICATION DETAILS	MEMBERS DECISION
HCC/2024/0755 NF178 Link to view application: https://planning.hants.gov.uk/Planning/Display/HCC/2024/0755	Proposed extraction of sand and gravel with associated access, internal haul roads, processing plant, silt and freshwater lagoons, stockpiles, conveyors, offices, weighbridge, and other ancillary infrastructure, creation of new permissive path, and restoration with inert materials to agriculture, amenity and nature conservation at Midgham Farm, Near Fordingbridge, Hampshire SP6 3DA	Councillor Logan was tasked with pulling together a response to this application taking into account residents concerns. Agenda item to be added to February Full Council meeting to delegate final response to Planning Committee on 17 th February following the Independent Examination of the Hampshire Minerals and Wast Plan: Partial Update - Submission Plan (July 2024).



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P/PACD/2024/07472	<p>60A Station Road Alderholt SP6 3RD</p> <p>Proposal: The proposal is that the clinic will revert to residential use without any structural changes inside or out. It was used as a residence before September 2021. The entrance remains the same. There is off road parking immediately outside the dwelling for up to 3 cars.</p>	<p>Members unanimously RESOLVED to respond, "No Objection, this was previously a residential annexe before it was permitted Class E use and is now returning to a C3 dwelling.</p> <p>However, Members would request a condition that the annexe is retained as an annexe within the curtilage of 60A Station Road and not to become a separate dwelling. There are only 4 parking spaces for the main house and annexe.</p> <p>Should this ever become a separate dwelling, a contribution to the SANG provision would need to be considered.</p>

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

Chairmans signature:

Date Ratified: