

Minutes of the Meeting of the Doddinghurst Parish Council Planning Committee held on the 9th October 2008 in the Parish Office at 9.30am

Present: Cllrs. Mrs D. Dicker, G Bateson , Mr. C. Enderby.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. B Wickerson, Mrs. D. Carroll,

2. Minutes of the meeting dated 25th September 2008: Approved and Signed.

3. Declaration of Interests relating to items on this agenda: Cllr Enderby declared a Personal interest in TP/BRW/86/2008.

4. Planning applications received.

TPO/BRW/86/2008 Location: SILOAM, Rectory Chase, Doddinghurst
Development: Crown Reduce by 30% one Oak subject to TPO 5/1997
Comment: No objection

BRW/86/2008 Location: Land to the rear of Ashwells Lodge Blackmore Road, Doddinghurst
Development: Change of use for the stationing of a wind turbine.
Comment: The Parish Council objects very strongly to the proposals for the following reasons:

The land is Metropolitan Green Belt and as such is protected under both government (policy PP2) and local plan policies (GB1) against development unless under exceptional circumstances. We maintain that there are no exceptional circumstances to permit this development.

An 18m (58 foot) high tower will look out of place and its impact will be detrimental to the surrounding area both in terms of visual amenity and noise nuisance. The system will also require a housing for switchgear, needing protection by fencing, and also posing a safety hazard.

There is unlikely to be any community benefit in the long term since the high cost of the equipment to synchronise and meter such a small generator (10KW) will make this non viable and government statistics show that there is only sufficient wind for less than 30% of the time.

Finally, even if the Council agreed that the Wind Turbine is a good idea, which it doesn't, permission for change of use of the whole field in which the turbine is placed is unjustified and unnecessary and a change of use for the whole field would leave an open door to further development

5. Officers Decisions/ Decisions Awaited.

BRW/855/2008 Location: The Paddocks, Solid Lane, Doddinghurst
Development: Change of use of part of stables to rest room. **Decision Awaited**

S191/BRW/12/2008 Location: Lorro Park, Church Lane, Doddinghurst.
Development: Application: for Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use as a Contractor's Yard
Decision Awaited

BRW/815/2008 Location: Saxon House, Doddinghurst Rd.,
Development: Erection of first floor front extension
Comment: The Parish Council supports this application for the following reason:
An existing badly integrated front extension will be modified to better blend with the building and improve the overall front elevation. **Approved W/L**

BRW/832/2008 Location: 28 The Gardens, Doddinghurst
Development: Two storey side and single storey rear extension
Comment: No objection. **Decision Awaited**

6. Planning Appeals and Enforcement:

- BRW/1008/2007 Bannister Farm, Doddinghurst Road. Retention of use of land as Arboricultural and Horticultural land together with retention of boundary fence. **Appeal in Progress**
- TB(P)/BRW/715/2008 56 Lime Grove Doddinghurst. Extension of Dormer Window to the front .Appeal by 31/10/2008

7. Planning Matters

- Matters raised by members. **None raised**

Signed

Dated

October 2008