

Butcombe Parish Council

MINUTES

Wednesday 6th January 2021 7 pm

ATTENDEES

Richard Whittington (RW) – Chairman
Justin Milward (JW) – Vice Chairman
Trevor Mitchell – Parish Councillor
John Collins (JC) – Parish Councillor
John Rodaway – Parish Councillor
Clare Collins (CC) – Parish Clerk
Luke Ford – Applicant and Architect

1. Welcome (RW)

2. Apologies

Steve Hogg – Ward Councillor

3. Declaration of interests

Trevor Mitchell for Laurel Cottage as the applicant
Richard Whittington as a neighbour of Laurel Cottage
John Collins as a neighbour and owner of the adjoining field to that of the Sutton Ridge application

4. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on 18/12/2020

Approved

5. Traffic Flow

JR provided an overview of communication from a resident regarding the speed limit though the village and the increased volume of traffic in recent months. Councillors agreed that this item needs to be discussed further at our next public meeting in March.

ACTIONS: JR to research current speed limits and start discussions with NSC about how we raise the current speed limit as an issue.

CC to add this to the agenda for our next meeting.

6. Planning

New application:

6a.20/P/2938/FUH - Burnby House The Batch Butcombe Bristol BS40 7UT

Retrospective application for the erection of a galvanised sheeted clad garden shed

The Agent Luke Ford was present and represented the applicant.

CC has not received clarification from the planning officer as requested on the 18/12/2020 therefore the application is to be reviewed as submitted.

Councillors agreed that they are unable to support the application on the following grounds:

The building itself is inappropriate development within the green belt.
The external materials used are not in keeping with a village setting.
The building is too large within its setting.
The location of the building is inappropriate to the site.

Councillors feel it's impossible to deal with the application submitted as a garden shed as this is not what the building is being used for. The applicant has stated to the council that the building is currently being used for short term rental accommodation and as this application is simply for a garden shed Councillors can not support the application and will submit an objection comment.

ACTION: CC to submit comments on the portal.

6b. 20/P/3013/FUH - Laurel Cottage The Batch Butcombe Bristol BS40 7UY – Two story extension to East elevation and remodelling of existing building.
TM provided an overview of the application for the need the building to be modernised.
TM ABSTAINED from voting on this application. Councillors had no objections to the application and voted to support the application.

ACTION: CC to submit comments on the portal.

6c. 20/P/3096/COA - Outbuilding at Rusling House Rusling Lane Butcombe BS40 7XQ - Prior approval for change of use from office accommodation in outbuilding (Use class E(g)(i)) to 1no. residential dwellings (Use class C3)
Luke ford provided an overview of the application and explanation of Class O. Councillors had no objections to the application and voted to support the application, however, would like to noted in the comments to north somerset that the building should only be used for residential purposes as per the Class O application.

ACTION: CC to submit comments on the portal.

6d. 20/P/3110/FUL - Sutton Ridge Vineyard Land Off Blagdon Lane Butcombe BS40 7UR - Erection of agricultural building with associated works.
Luke ford provided an overview of the application as the applicant.
Councillors raised a number of concerns:
Site location is very visible and impactive on the unspoilt greenbelt.
The removal of some trees as stated in the application will result to more exposure of the building.

Councillors support the need for the building, however would like the applicant to consider relocating the building to lower down on the site next to an existing hedge with a sloping roof downwards towards the road which would mean that the barn would not cause significant harm to the openness of the green belt.

If permission was granted then we would request that a condition was placed upon the application that no wine sales or corporate events could take place on the site. (Including wine tours, wine tasting and parties, including weddings)

Increase screening by planting new trees or hedges to reduce the impact wherever the building is situated on the site.

JC ABSTAINED from voting on this application. Councillors voted to submit a neutral comment on the application due to the location of the purposed barn.

ACTION: CC to submit comments on the portal.

10. Exchange of information

Community help. CC provided a current update on the community help. Councillors agreed to provide a donation to the support group to cover the expenses of the mobile phone. £50.00 agreed

ACTION: CC to raise a cheque for £50.00

CC submitted expenses for new ink cartridges.

ACTION: CC to raise a cheque for £35.25

Highways – JR provided an update on highways. JR will confirm if the drainage works on The Batch will be carried on 11/12 Jan. JR is also raising the issue of lost ICE and FLOOD signs from the village and the work on Blagdon Lane to reduce flooding that hasn't worked.

Date for the next Parish Council meeting has been set for Thursday 18th March 2021

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

Signed: R Whittington Date
Chairman