

**Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30pm in Frilsham Clubroom.**

**Present**

Cllr. M. Allum (Chairman)

Cllr. I. Coxhead

Cllr. B. Lyon

Cllr. R. Morley

Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)

Eight members of the public including the applicant of applications 23/02603/FUL and 23/02604/LBC for Barn, Hawkridge Farm.

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**Public Session.**

FPC was complimented on the work it has done to discourage horse riders from using public footpaths.

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**To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr. Barber, Cllr. Goodenough and District Cllr. Culver.

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**Declarations of Interest.**

3.1

**To receive declarations of interest.**

There were no updates to the Register of Interests.

3.2

**Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items.**

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

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**Planning**

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**Planning applications on which FPC has been consulted by WBC:**

4.1.1

**23/02569/FUL – Atrium**

*Proposal for a replacement dwelling with widened entrance drive, landscape and biodiversity enhancement.*

It was agreed the FPC has **no objection** to this application subject to there being a lighting plan (to protect dark skies within the North Wessex Downs National Landscape) and to consider removing permitted development rights so that the roof space cannot be converted to accommodation.

4.1.2

**23/02603/FUL & 23/02604/LBC – Barn, Hawkridge Farm (Bucklebury Parish).**

*Internal and external alterations to allow change of use of listed barn to dwelling, including erection of car port and diversion of the definitive footpath.*

The applicant commented that the Barn is not in line with The Owl House and is 15m away at the nearest point. The Barn is in direct line with Hawkridge Farmhouse with approximately 11m between them. The primary window in the Barn overlooking the Farmhouse will give light to the stairs.

The Barn is not suitable for modern farm machinery and is divorced from all its original land. The applicant is using the Town and Country planning act to move the line of the right of way (public footpath) northwards but to remain within the curtilage of the Barn. The walked (and original) line of the footpath goes diagonally across the field to the north of Barn which is under different ownership.

An application submitted in 2020 for the conversion of the Barn to residential use was withdrawn, after the Conservation Officer had commented with no objection.

Objectors raised the following concerns: loss of privacy, noise and light pollution, the development is on the right of way, it is overdevelopment of the site when considered with Hawkridge Farmhouse and The Owl House, the barn is not genuinely redundant, amenity for the dwellings is compromised, the new residential curtilage will be

intrusive, it does not retain the character of the building, it does not enhance or protect the barn. Concern was raised about the size of vehicles needed for delivery and construction at the site using the single track, rural roads.

Frilsham councillors considered the application and agreed that their comments should be based on the impact the application would have on Frilsham residents. It was agreed that FPC would request that deliveries and construction traffic only approach the site from the south, that there is clarification on the process for moving the footpath and that WBC resolves the issue of drainage in the road, on the bend.

**5 WBC Consultation on cuts to spending in FY24/25.**

WBC is currently consulting on a number of spending cuts proposed for FY24/25. These include removing the two litter bins (one at the Clubroom and one at the top of Beechfield which are currently emptied by WBC), a reduction to the grass cutting on Beechfield, a reduction in routine gulley clearance and bridge maintenance and a reduction to the contributions made to rural transport schemes which are operated by volunteers.

A reduction in the gulley clearance and bridge maintenance were viewed as being counter-productive and a false economy. It was agreed that the consultation would be advertised, and parishioners encouraged to respond.

**6 Update on Replacement parts for Play Area.**

The replacements parts for the Play Area have now been delivered to Holly Cottage. A working party needs to be organised to install them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Frilsham Parish Council: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Clubroom.**