

## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Extra Ordinary Meeting Held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Sue Sayers	Councillor	10 Parishioners	
Tim Wyatt	Councillor		

### Apologies

Polly Swann	Councillor	Jackie Boxall	Councillor
Mike Cooper	Councillor		

Introduction	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Declaration of Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest.</li> </ul>	
<b>Planning</b> 18/02338/OUTD – Isbury Brightwalton RG20 7BP - Outline permission to demolish existing house and erect three dwellings via existing access along with associated infrastructure S Orpen welcomed the parishioners and explained the purpose of the meeting; he requested that all comments made regarding the planning application are objective not subjective. He also explained that the Parish Council only has one voice in the application process and encouraged all that felt strongly, either for or against the proposal, to submit their comments directly to West Berkshire Council planning department. The Parish Council had been asked to respond by the 16 <sup>th</sup> October, although the orange notice states a later date, residents were encouraged to submit any comments sooner rather than later. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The first point raised on the application is that it falls outside of the settlement boundary and therefore conflicts with the Parish Plan and also West Berkshire Councils Site Allocation adopted May 2017. It was agreed by all Councillors that there were three statements from the Parish Plan which should be quoted in the response – the long term aim to restrict ‘village creep’, maintenance of far-reaching views in any planning application, and the statistic of 77% respondents feeling that allowing infilling of greenspace/back gardens has a negative impact on the village.</li> <li>▪ The second point of concern was the access road to the proposed new properties. Parishioners raised concerns that there was not enough of a splay on the driveway to provide good visibility. It was agreed that this was busy area in the village, with lots of on street parking, children playing and the narrowing of the highway only 20-30 metres away. It was agreed that this would be noted in the response as being particularly hazardous and also the close proximity of the access road to the neighbouring boundary. Agreed that it should also be noted that houses of this size could potentially have 3-4 cars each.</li> <li>▪ In addition, concern was raised by neighbours over the general proximity of houses in this area, with this being the most densely populated area of the village and the proposal directly affecting the view of at least 4 properties. S Youldon to note this in the response quoting the Parish Plan.</li> <li>▪ Point was made on possible damage this development would cause to the historic Oak Trees that separate the line of housing from the fields beyond. Agreed this should be noted on the response.</li> </ul> Agreed that the Parish Council would submit a response strongly objecting to the proposal. First point in the response would be the conflicts with the Parish Plan, followed by concerns about confliction with the WBC Site Allocations Plan and then the additional notes on the oak trees and the access road. S Youldon to draft and circulate response to Councillors for final approval before submitting to WBC. S Orpen thanked the parishioners for their constructive input and the meeting closed at 9pm.	SY Resolved

**The remaining 2018 meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.**