

FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Meeting Held Wednesday 27th July 2016

PRESENT: Councillors: S Tomkinson (Chair), S Spencer, D Toon (Vice Chair),
P Hammond, J Perks, D Carver.

12 members of the public

Carol Little (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence:

E de Quincey, M Smith, K Williamson, M Winnington.

2. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to formulate a response to three Planning Applications. As there were 12 members of the public present with regard to the proposed Rabbit Farm planning application it was agreed that this would be considered first.

3. Planning Application 16/23992/FUL Buildings for rabbit farming; retention of new access to Radmore Lane:

The Chairman outlined the details of the application, referred to comments already registered on the Council's website and invited comments from the floor. It was noted that no member of the public present at the meeting supported the application. Councillors discussed the issues arising at length, whilst it was accepted that some points raised were beyond the scope of the Parish Councils remit, they were mindful of the strength of feeling of the parishioners when considering the following:

- Environmental Health has recommended refusal.
- This is a proposed agricultural development in a residential area.
- The plot is in close proximity to residential property.
- Highway considerations - inability to turn a vehicle in the access area, potentially requiring reversing into a narrow lane.
- No details of parking facilities - concern with parking in the narrow lane.
- The site is divided into multiple plots - have other plot holders, as immediate neighbours, been consulted?
- Potential setting of a precedent - this plot is surrounded by approximately 30 others.
- The application states a 30% mortality rate for rabbits - there is no explanation of how carcasses will be disposed of.
- The issue of slaughtering is not detailed - no abattoir proposed.
- No indication of effluent disposal or drainage arrangements - potentially affecting Aqualate Mere.
- Security - generally but also regarding the possibility of Animal Rights Activists. No details of night occupancy or policing of the site, a secure fence would change the profile of the area adding to residents' concerns.

After listening to the concerns raised Councillor Perks proposed that the Parish Council raise an objection to the application based on the above points. Councillor Toon seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

Members of the public left the meeting at this point. The Chairman then continued with the remaining agenda items.

4 Application 16/24479/FUL - Forton Cricket Club erection of garage to be used as a storage facility, extension for improved WC facilities, external alterations including replacement windows and doors and provision of 5 additional parking spaces:

- The application was warmly welcomed as a much needed improvement to a valued facility built in the 1970's. Councillor Hammond proposed that the application be supported and Councillor Carver seconded the proposal. It was unanimously agreed.

5. Reserved matters application further to 15/23215/OUT Chetwynd Hall Farm (appearance, landscaping, and scale):

The application was considered and Councillor Toon proposed that no objection should be raised. This was seconded by Councillor Tomkinson and was unanimously agreed.

The clerk was asked to write to the planning department accordingly regarding all three applications.

ACTION CLERK

The Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8:00 p.m.