

GREAT ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY 27th JULY 2020 USING ZOOM

Parishioners were invited to attend the meeting via zoom using the website (zoom.us) with the access details advertised on the agenda and the Clerk's email/contact details were advertised to enable residents to ask questions before the meeting.

Present: Bernie Talbot, Jane Bowen, Jill Carter, Patten, Tony Orgee (arrive after start of meeting), Emma Pery, the Clerk and 4 members of the public

One member of the public refused to identify themselves, when asked by the Chairman.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Mr Chris Hamlet explained that his application for a new dwelling on land at 5 Chalky Road had been designed to blend in with the original houses on the estate and to conform to the requirements in the Neighbourhood Plan. The area of the house would be 175m², which included the gallery and stairs.

A councillor suggested it would be good to maintain a soft boundary between the potential new dwelling and the original house, although it was not a planning requirement.

Ref. 20/02715/REM – land at 5 Chalky Road – Approval of matters reserved for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following planning approval S/1233/18/FL

Councillors recommended approval of the application, saying the design was in keeping with the street scene and the new dwelling was subservient to the original dwelling, as specified in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Ref. 20/02990/OUT- Land west of 40 South Road – Erection of a dwelling with all matters reserved.

Councillors recommended approval this application.

Ref. 20/02005/FUL - Land North of Linton Road - Alteration to previously approved application (S/3564/17/OL and S/1478/19/RM) comprising the change to two out of three x 2 bed houses into four x 1 bed flats - with individual access to each unit.

Councillors were concerned that there was only one parking space for each of the proposed one bedroom flats, as two spaces were likely to be required, which could lead to parking along Linton Road. This road was getting busier as a consequence of the two new housing developments located there, so parking along the Linton Road should be discouraged.

There was a concern that the proposed changes to the planning application, may not reflect the local housing requirement. Councillors queried whether the District Council had requested the one bedroomed dwellings, some of which may become affordable housing. A councillor explained that the one bedroomed flats were aimed at first time buyers and were part of the Cambridgeshire Mayor's initiative.

Councillors recommended the application be refused as they were concerned that there was insufficient local demand for one bedroomed home, although it was felt there was a local requirement for 2 bedroomed homes for young families and people down-sizing. Parking was a concern, as working couples were likely to occupy a one bedroomed flat but require parking spaces for two vehicles. Councillors requested that the Clerk highlight that the neighbouring adjacent Larkfield development had been omitted from the plans and that this development was now completed.

Councillors also asked the Clerk to comment that it would be helpful if amended planning documents were labelled clearly to make it easier to identify them within the planning application portal on the SCDC website.

Financial support for the Local Highway Initiative (LHI) bid by Little Abington Parish Council (LAPC)

Little Abington Parish Council were bidding for LHI funds to get double yellow lines around the Fourwentways roundabout to stop lorries/vehicles parking in this location, particularly overnight. At the next Liaison meeting Bernie would suggest that they try to extend the double yellow lines further towards Linton Road and Newmarket Road.

Bernie Talbot proposed the Council support LAPC's bid with a contribution of £750, which was seconded by Jill Carter, with the support of all Councillors.

No further action was required of this Council in relation to this bid.

An additional meeting of the Council would be held on 3rd August to enable the developers of the new site on Linton Road to update the Councillors.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm