

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

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Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr Mike Airey Chair
Ms Sheila Marshall
Mr John Digby
Mr Matthew Cutress
Ms Jan Nichols

Mr Colin Warburton Clerk to the Council

1 member of the public attended

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meetings, as circulated, were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Planning Applications

a) SDNP/17/02486/FUL | Retrospective application for minor change in roof design to application SDNP/17/00250/DEVMON | Arden Cottage The Street BN45 7AQ

After a long discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Council object for the following reasons:

1. On the original drawings, there were no measurements apart from the 5m relating to the length. The only mention is made later in the approval documents.
2. As there were no measurements it was assumed that the "scale" would be accurate although the usual caveat was there stating that it may not be to scale. As it is, the actual building is totally out of proportion to the plans.
3. The maximum height allowed is 2.98 metres but it would appear that the base line has been raised making it higher than this.
4. The chimney has been removed although it was stated that it shouldn't be. This should be re-instated.
5. Photographs show that the proposed extension and alterations are not acceptable in terms of design, size and scale to the existing dwelling house and surrounding properties.
6. They do not conserve the appearance and character of Poynings conservation area.
7. The proposal appears obtrusive within the wider landscape, thereby adversely affecting the scenic qualities of the South Downs National Park.
8. Neighbouring amenities are significantly affected.

It was thought that this was overlooked due to the move from MSDC planning to SDNP planning

b) SDNP/17/02297/FUL | Remodel the large man-made depression using imported inert soils, so that 7.65 Ha of land can be brought back into arable production. | Golf Farm Devil's Dyke Road Brighton BN1 8YJ

The council had no objection to the application but, in view of the recent development at Pondtail Wood, they would like to be sure that the material deposited is monitored to ensure that it consists of inert soils and is not contaminated.

c) SDNP/17/02674/FUL | Extension of existing farm shop | Garden Centre Henfield Road Poynings BN45 7AY

The council had no objection to the application but had serious reservations about the entrance and increased traffic.

The concern is due to the traffic that the growth in visitors will generate. The recent overflow car park already appears to have attracted more customers and it was felt that this can only encourage more.

The slope on the entrance along with poor visibility makes leaving difficult anyway and the apparent average age of the customers could cause an accident.

It was suggested that measures are taken prevent this happening, possible another entrance and or making it left turn only as you leave.

4. Vote Parish Council Rep for SDNP.

It was unanimously agreed by the council to vote for Tim Burr as he had the most impressive statement.

5. Roundabout

Green Lotus Gardens have decided that they no longer wish to be involved with the roundabout and wish to be paid for the work carried out as they felt that it has taken too long to arrange the signage. This did not agree with the email exchange.

MA had met with Green Lotus Gardens that afternoon and thought that they had come to an agreement. However after his meeting they had emailed the Clerk to say that they still did not wish to be involved.

Initially it was agreed that the council will look for a way to accommodate Green Lotus Gardens but this changed after the Clerk read out the email exchange where they said they would remove all the plants etc from the roundabout if not paid about £3,000 within 14 days.

The council felt that this was a form of blackmail and did not wish to pay him as there was a verbal agreement between them and the council.

MA to draft a letter and send to Green Lotus Gardens setting out the council's position.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm