Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th August 2013

Present: Cllrs Moriarty, Cox, Dicker, Skeaping, Fowler & Evenett.

Also Present: 4 members of the public.

Absent: Cllr Leigh-Tyrer. Cllr L Rose, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Fowler invited the public to speak.

A gentleman spoke with objection to the Planning Application 0387/13 on the Agenda. He advised of his concerns including the application being against the DNPA Policy, he considered the plans not to be a barn conversion and the school playing field being a red herring.

A lady spoke on the same application and explained that she owned the neighbouring field and considered that the application would damage wildlife and that it was against DNPA Policy.

Another lady spoke with concerns again over the plans 0387/13 being contrary to DNPA Policy, the future of the school and concerns over the existing narrow highway.

Another gentleman spoke and advised that he was the applicant of the proposal. He advised that he felt the design to be sympathetic and advised of the modifications required to the playing field. He disputed that the playing field was a red herring and considered that it was a give and take situation. The gentleman was questioned as to whether the lease negotiations would still take place on the playing field should the proposed application for a dwelling be unsuccessful and the gentleman advised that he had not yet considered that.

The meeting opened at 7.10pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Skeaping advised of his interest in Planning Application 0387/13 as his wife sits on the School Board of Governors. Cllr Cox also declared her interest in the same application as a neighbour to the site. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. Planning Applications.

0387/13 proposed new dwelling incorporating stone barn together with new driveway plus alterations and improvements to the existing school playing field within site ownership, at Barns adjacent to school playing field.

Councillors discussed the application, It was agreed that they were keen for the school to retain use of the playing field and that the plans for the dwelling were the most sympathetic design to date, when compared to other draft plans for housing on the same site. It was however proposed to object to the application on the basis that the proposal was contrary to the DNPA Core Strategy which is in place to protect settlements like Lydford from such development. Proposed Cllr Skeaping Seconded Cllr Evernett and agreed with one abstention.

0370/13 Proposed single storey extension, Springers, Vale Down, Lydford. Councillors discussed the application and noted the amended plans. It was proposed to support the application. Proposed Cllr Skeaping Seconded Cllr Moriarty.

The Meeting was closed at 7.28pm.

Signed

Date