

## Harbury Parish Council

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 28 May 2015 at 6.45pm Harbury Village Hall

#### **Present**

Cllr Lockley (Chairman)	Cllr Thornley	Cllr Summers	Cllr Allen
Cllr Lewis (from 6.50pm)	Cllr Knowles	Cllr Thompson	Cllr Ekins

**Absent:** Cllr Mancell; Cllr Gibb

#### **In Attendance**

Mrs Alison Biddle, Clerk to the Council  
District Cllr Harris

#### **Members of the Public**

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News  
15 members of the public

**15/101 Apologies:** Cllr Mancell; Cllr Gibb; County Cllr Stevens

**15/102 Declarations of Interest:** None

**15/103 Dispensations:** None

#### **15/104 Public Participation**

#### **Planning Application at Hillside**

Residents raised the following concerns:

- View from the Fosse Way. The houses and the street lights will be visible.
- Against the VDS which states this is an important edge to the village and should not be developed
- Design is not in keeping with village, in particular, the 3 storey dwellings
- The height of the buildings
- The size of the dwellings – over large
- Materials do not conform to the VDS – ‘natural stone’ is not necessarily Harbury stone
- Stability of the land. It is believed that this is made up land from previous building spoil. The geotechnical survey appears to be mostly a desktop exercise.

The developer responded as follows:

- The geotechnical report confirms that the land is stable. Tests were carried out on site.
- The roof heights are no higher than those in the original indicative plan submitted for the outline application.
- The large roof space will provide the option for additional accommodation if required.
- It is the intention to use local stone for economic and ecological reasons – this will be Harbury stone if available.
- The boundary hedge has been secured for perpetuity by way of the Sec 106 agreement. There is now a legal duty to maintain the hedge which is good news for the village.

## 15/105 Planning Matters

1 15/01303/FUL

Ground and first floor rear extension, replacement garage and two ground floor bay windows to front elevation

**41, Manor Road**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Summers) to make no representation.

2 15/01130/FUL

The erection of 7 dwellings with access road, detached garages, with associated works

**Land at Hillside**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Thompson, seconded Cllr Ekins) to object on the following grounds:

- The rooflines are too high and would be visible from the Fosse Way thereby having a detrimental impact on the rural landscape.
- The terraced dwellings should be limited to 2 storeys only. The proposed 3 storeys give the appearance of town houses and would be out of keeping with other buildings in the village. This is clearly contrary to Harbury Village Design Statement.
- The position and type of street lighting must be to a specification agreed by the parish council which owns and maintains all the street lights in Harbury. The street lights should not be visible from outside the village. As stated in the Harbury VDS, this is an important edge to the village and care must be taken to preserve the rural setting.
- Only local materials, i.e. Harbury stone (not Cotswold stone, which is different) should be used. Reference should be made to Harbury Village Design Statement and to the development at Hereburgh Way which is a good example of the use of local materials and design which is in keeping with existing village buildings.

## 15/106 E-Car Club Agreement

The draft agreement had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that the council's insurers had also seen the document and were satisfied that there was a very low risk to the council and that indemnity against damage to the equipment, i.e. the electrical charger, could be provided at no extra cost to the council. The payments referred to in the document had already been made by HEI, using the grant funding they had received and no further payments are due. The parish council had supported the launch of the E-Car Club and had therefore promoted the scheme already.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the service agreement between the E-Car Club service provider and the parish council and the document was duly signed.

## 15/107 Insurance Renewal

It was **RESOLVED** to enter into a new long term agreement until 31 May 2018. This would save the council £70 on the current year's renewal premium.

## 15/108 Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting will be on Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

## Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed.....Chairman      Date.....