

COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
held in the Colwall Village Hall, Mill Lane, Colwall on Wednesday 5th August
2015 at 8.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Beard, Butler, Carless, Cottam, Haynes, Mills, Stock, Turner, the Clerk and 36 members of the public.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed those present and apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Hughes and Kendrick.

2. Declaration of Interests

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 16th July 2015, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

4. Planning applications

i) P151966 – Proposed erection of 4 broiler rearing units, together with associated bulk bins, hard standing, access and attenuation pond at land at Chances Pitch, Colwall

Applicant: P Houlbrooke

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak on this matter

The meeting was reconvened.

The Parish Council wished it to be noted that there is strong opposition to this application which has caused a significant amount of distress to Parishioners.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council strongly objects to this application for the following reasons

The scale of the proposal is not agricultural, but semi-industrial and unsuitable for the location. It constitutes ‘**major development**’ which is not permitted in designated AONB areas (NPPF 116).

The proposed development will be visible from Oyster Hill, the local hills, the adjacent road and the Malvern Hills. It is detrimental to the AONB (see NPPF 115) which states ‘**great weight**’ should be given to “conserving landscape and scenic beauty” in the AONB.

There are concerns about the impact on ground water, particularly for the adjacent property which relies on a well.

There is concern about future phases of development to support a sustainable business model. If this application is approved it is considered the permission should not permit any expansion for 10 years.

There are concerns that the proposed screening (hedging) of the development will take many years to grow sufficiently to have any effect.

The planning application does not appear to include all the associated buildings namely the Biomass Boiler and the wood chip store.

Concerns were raised that the silos are not shielded and are reflective which would have further negative impact on the AONB.

ii) 152161 – Proposed works to two ash trees and a cedar tree at Halfacre, West Malvern Road, Malvern

Applicant: P Johnson

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections to the proposed.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Planning Application Decisions:

None

7. Date of next meeting:

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 26th August 2015, and would be held in the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Chairman: Date: