



PLANNING COMMITTEE June 2020 Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 1st June Remotely via Zoom at 12 noon

1. Cllrs Chivers, Boyden, Smith, Thompson. Mr. Hoare (villager & renewable energy consultant) and Clerk in Attendance

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Thyer – at work

3. Declarations of Interest: None

4. Review of Planning Applications:

- **CB/20/01498/FULL** Bungalow Miletree Farm Single storey extension. The Parish Council **has no comment** to make.
- **CB/20/01505/FULL** Land at Double Arches Quarry Installation of a ground mounted solar array, frame mounted inverter units, transformer/switchgear enclosure, security fence, security cameras, underground cabling, and associated infrastructure. It was noted that the technical detail and ecology report was well attended to. Cllr Thompson asked what the mechanism is for ensuring the recommended mitigations are adhered to, Clerk advised that planning permission will come with conditions that will need to be upheld and there should be on going inspections by CBC. Mr. Hoare advised that solar energy installations have a benign impact on the ecology and environment. Cllr Chivers asked where the electricity generated will go, and if it will benefit the village directly, Mr. Hoare advised it would go to substation in Clarence Road so the village will get an indirect benefit as the solar farm will supplement the energy created by the wind turbines, which generate less in the summer. The life span of the project is approx. 30 years, the question is what will happen afterwards Mr. Hoare suggests that it would be rebuilt after 30 years or have to be removed and the land returned to its original status. Cllr Smith queried whether the land would then be classed as brownfield and then be available to build on, Mr. Hoare thought this was unlikely because of the presence of the turbine. It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot future proof this but Clerk to highlight this concern to planning. Parish Council also to make enquiries about 106 funding allocation and a possible covenant to prevent a future development.

5. Update on previous planning applications: 10 Sheepcote Crescent extension approved.

6. Other Planning Matters Cllr Chivers received an email from a gentleman re purchasing the land for sale at Brickhill Road. Clerk advised that the PC should wait to see what s proposed a future date.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr Boyden advised other parish councillors that when the opportunity arises to make site visits to quarries, solar farms etc. which make it easier to understand the applications. Clerk will advise when these invitations appear, or we can request. Clerk noted emails received from two villagers regarding the applications for Bryants Lane and the solar farm.

Meeting closed at 12.40 pm