



MEETING

Planning and Environment Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 16th September 2021 At 6.30pm via Zoom

1. Present: Cllrs, Boyden, Bevan, Thyer. Clerk in attendance, Cllr Boyden expressed his disappointment with the lack of formal engagement from the village, except for one email received today, given this is a major development.
2. Apologies: Cllr Inns
3. Declaration of Interests: None
4. Planning applications:

Planning application Land at Northern Chamberlains Barn (to the south of Shenley Hill Road), Leighton Buzzard CB/17/05971/OUT

Both applications were discussed as a whole, the impact of the road being more significant to the village. The proposed houses are not in the village, but the link road will be. Clerk explained this is an old application that has been re-submitted, the Parish Council opposed the original application.

Land at Northern Chamberlain's Barn (between Shenley Hill Road and Heath Road) Leighton Buzzard Creation of new link road CB/17/06062/FULL

Cllr Boyden explained that the Parish Council has been working towards traffic calming in the village to reduce numbers of vehicles and speed and it would not be appropriate to support a new link road that will add to the already overloaded traffic through the village. This application should be objected to on the grounds of highway safety, traffic generation, noise and disturbance, road access and it goes against the local planning policy. Cllr Bevan's concern is that the traffic will be pushed both ways through the traffic to and from the A5. Cllr Thyer asked if there was an impact report on how Heath and Reach will be affected, Clerk had heard there was a model on people's behaviour that indicated they would turn down Shenley Hill Road rather than come through the village as it would show as a quicker route on sat nav. The Councillors are not convinced by this. The Parish Council have recent figures for current traffic movements, an additional 220 plus homes would mean say an additional 450 journeys per day. The future impact on the village is unacceptable.



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Clerk has asked for a meeting so that the Parish Council can be advised of the overall plan for the road system as there does not seem to be any cohesion. Clerk to progress, most likely a virtual zoom meeting.

It was agreed to object to both applications.

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