

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 10.00 a.m. ON SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2011.

IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WHITFORD ROAD.

1. **PRESENT** : Cllr. M. Collier (Chairman), Cllr. C.H. Bolton Vice-Chairman), Cllr. G.H. Hurford, Cllr. S.R. Hodges, Cllr. S.A. Huscroft, Cllr. S.J. Newbery, Cllr. R. I. Penzer, and the Clerk were present. There were 3 members of the press and 78 members of the public present.

2. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr. P.W.A. Dare and Cllr. D.A. Vickers had tendered their apologies.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** : the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2011 were held over for approval to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

4. **MATTERS OF URGENCY**: None.

5. **OPEN FORUM**: referring to the amended proposals for 11/0199/FUL, members of the public put forward views in which, while supporting a presence for the Baptist Church within the village, registered continued opposition to the proposed site. The following issues were raised:

That the Transport Statement, though lengthy, placed what was considered irrelevant reliance on data relating to faith-based buildings, all of which appeared to form part of urban communities which were in no way comparable to the situation in Kilmington.

That the Transport Statement did not appear to

That while the footprint of the proposed chapel had been reduced, its vertical scale remained unacceptable and no attempt had been made to put the cross sectional

The Chairman thanked all those who had made comments.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS**: a) Current Applications

11/0731/LBC

Studhayes Barn, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX137DR

Alterations to Agricultural Building to enable change of use of agricultural building to holiday let.

SUPPORT

11/615/LBC

The Old Inn, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 RB

Alterations to skittle alley building to form access to adjacent site.

CLLR. BOLTON DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AS BEING A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF THE APPLICANT'S AGENT AND LEFT THE CHAMBER FOR THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS.

SUPPORT BUT SUGGEST THAT TO HAVE BOTH STEPS AND A RAMP MIGHT BE OVER PROVISION AS A RAMP WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR UNIVERSAL USE. AN ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO START THE RAMP/STEPS ON THE WHITFORD ROAD SIDE OF THE SKITTLE ALLEY.

CLLR. BOLTON RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER.

11/0199/FUL AMENDMENTS DATED 19TH APRIL 2011

Land south of A35 Gammons Hill, Kilmington.

Construction of church building and associated works.

CLLR. NEWBERY DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION AND LEFT THE CHAMBER FOR THIS ITEM.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON THIS APPLICATION. COUNCILLORS WERE CLEAR THAT THEY SUPOPRTED THE PRESENCE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE BUT REMAINED ADAMANT THAT THIS WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE SITE.

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THIS APPLICATION AS THE TRAFFIC STATEMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE ISSUES WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO THE COUNCILLORS, IN PARTICULAR THE PROBLEMS OF THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC WHICH WOULD BE NEGOTIATING THE JUNCTION OF GEORGE LANE/SHUTE ROAD AND THEN SHUTE ROAD/A35 WITHIN A SHORT SPACE OF TIME. THE DATA USED AS A REFERENCE POINT IN THE TRAFFIC STATEMENT RELATED TO FAITH VENUES SET IN URBAN AREAS AND WERE IN NO WAY COMPARABLE TO THIS RURAL SITUATION.

THERE ARE OBJECTIONS ALSO TO THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE OVER DOMINANT AND OUT OF KEEPING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF GEORGE LANE. WITH THE REDUCED FOOTPRINT OF THE BUILDING IT SHOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TO LOCATE IT ON A SITE IN WHITFORD ROAD WHICH IS FELT TO BE MORE ACCEPTABLE.

11/0595/COU AMENDMENTS DATED 21ST APRIL

Hills Farm, Whitford Road, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7NS

Change of use and retention of extension to ancilliary games room to games room and day nursery SUPPORT

b) DECISIONS

GRANTS OF PLANNING PERMISSION

11/0589/FUL

Vealhayes, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RD

Replacement first floor window.

11/0590/LBC

Vealhayes, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RD

Replacement windows

11/0359/FUL

Axe Skip Hire, Gammons Hill, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RA

Replacement office and canteen buildings

c) Correspondence –letters had been received from various members of the public making representations of support for or objection to application 11/0199/FUL

Signed Date