

# BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014 in the Jubilee Hall, Batcombe, commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present - Councillors:** Chris Wildridge – Chairman, Liz Hollis, and John Sommer.

**Also Present:** The Clerk – Rob Sage and four member of the public.

**3622 – Apologies for Absence:** Jayne Cox and Justin Witcombe [Iona FitzGerald's apologies were received after the meeting].

**3623 – Declarations of Interest and Granting of Dispensations:** None.

**3624 – Planning Applications:** Planning Application 2013/2521/HSE – Rear single storey extension to replace existing extension. Greenhills, Chapel Row, Batcombe. Householder Application. Adrian and Sandy Hamilton, owners of the neighbouring property, spoke in favour of the application stating that the proposed replacement extension would be an improvement on the existing extension. The Parish Council recommended approval as there were no objections to the proposed extension which was considered an improvement on the existing one.

Planning Application 2013/2582/HSE – Demolition of existing single storey lean-to extension on the rear (south) elevation and replacement with a two storey extension with twin pitched roofs. Cherry Tree Cottage, Batcombe. Householder Application. Anne Page, owner of the neighbouring Boords Farm, read a written submission from Harriet Williamson and Jessica Diamond, the owners of the neighbouring Home Cottage, who felt that the necessary notifications had not taken place and were concerned that the twin pitched roof would create valley gutters that would be difficult to maintain leading to possible water ingress into their property. They were also concerned at the impact a larger house would have on the on-street parking and the impact of the size of the extension on the Conservation Area and the listed building at Boords Farm. Anne and Michael Page then expressed their own concerns about the lack of notification, and the size and bulk of the proposed extension which would overwhelm the cottage and be four times the size of the existing extension as seen from Boords Farm. After consideration, the Parish Council decided to recommend refusal due to the size and bulk of the extension, its impact on the neighbouring listed building and on the character of the Conservation Area, and the lack of parking for a larger house.

**3625 – Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old School, Batcombe.

*Chris Wildridge*  
*12<sup>th</sup> February 2014*