

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 in the Jubilee Hall, Batcombe, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present - Councillors: Justin Witcombe – Vice Chairman, Mary Comley, Jayne Cox, Wiff Cox, Ian Sage, and Chris Wildridge.

Also Present: The Clerk – Rob Sage, Dick Skidmore – District Councillor and sixty members of the public.

4652 – Apologies for Absence: The Chairman, John Sommer, who had a pecuniary interest in the planning application to be considered. In the Chairman's absence the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Justin Witcombe, who welcomed residents to the meeting.

4653 – Declarations of Interest: None.

4654 – Planning Application – Planning Application No: 2018/2819/FUL Proposed erection of five social rented 3 bedroom dwellings and one market housing 3 bedroom dwelling. Land at Westcombe Stables Lane, Westcombe – Full Application.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council had been informed shortly before the meeting began that the applicant had submitted amended plans - replacing some of the social rented 3 bedroom houses with social rented 2 bedroom houses. This was confirmed by the District Councillor and by the applicant's representative, Mr Lee Wright.

The Council then considered the best way of proceeding in light of this information. As the Council could only consider the application before it, it was decided to recommend refusal of this application for five social rented 3 bedroom dwellings on the understanding that the amended application would be considered when the Parish Council was formally consulted on it. The Parish Council also agreed to ask the case officer to allow a full 21 day consultation period on the amended application.

In response to a call for clarification from a member of the public Mr Wright then addressed the meeting and stated that an amended application would be submitted by his client on the basis of 3 three bedroom houses and 2 two bedroom houses and it would include a full consultation period. Councillor Skidmore then confirmed that statement.

4655 – Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Old School Rooms, Batcombe.

John Sommer
06/02/2019