MINUTES of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 in the Jubilee Club House, Meadow Springs, Lydiard Millicent.
The meeting commenced at 7.30pm with a Public Question Time.

PRESENT: Cllrs Dean Cobb, Andre Kayani, Vernon Montgomery, Alan Pfleger (chairman), Phil Shepherd. Mrs D Bourne (clerk)
Also Present: Wilts. Cllr Mollie Groom and 11 members of the public.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the format; members of the public will be invited to make comments during the public session only. At the close of Public Question Time members of the public are welcome to stay and witness Councillors debate the item.

Public Question Time
There were two people present (Andy and Neil) who are involved with the application being discussed. The chairman facilitated a debate between residents and these two gentlemen.

Discussion included:

- Application status – whether the site is still a class Q or class MB designation
- Two out of three dwellings on the site have been sold
- Limitations of class Q status, and ambiguous legislation
- Design of buildings – out of keeping with surrounding area
- Drainage / sewage disposal
- Current state of the site, there appears to have been fly tipping and the site has been left untidy
- Definition of infill within small parishes
- One resident stated they moved to the parish in 2002 and there were only two buildings on the site, plus a concreate area.
- Concerns that original applications (2015 & 2018) were not considered carefully enough by the Planning Authority before giving permission.

115/19 **Apologies for Absence**
The Council had previously noted the absence of Cllrs Richard Selwood, Mike Sharp and Jim Stubbs.

116/19 **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were made.

117/19 **Planning Matters**
This meeting has been called especially for members to consider the planning application below. Comments for this application must be received by the Planning Authority before the next ordinary council meeting is scheduled.

19/10402/FUL – Land at Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent
Retrospective application for erection of three dwellings

117/19 cont.. **Planning Matters**

Cllr Kayani introduced the application by detailing eight points for discussion, listed below:

1. As existing buildings were demolished is class Q still the designation of this application?
2. Is there evidence these were previously agricultural buildings; it is understood they were used as a plumber's store and market garden store.
3. Sizing of the new buildings – the new buildings look bigger than anything there previously.
4. The design and layout of the site is not in keeping with the immediate vicinity, which are bungalows or cottages. No other buildings nearby have a flat roof.
5. At previous applications the Highways Department had raised concerns about space within the complex to turn a large vehicle, safe egress and entry for pedestrians and private cars.
6. Will there be mains sewage to the site, dwellings nearby have septic tanks.
7. Original Planning Application was not considered appropriately.
8. Appointment of a Planning Consultant to advise the Council how best to comment on this application.

During the debate many points were raised, including:

- Has Council lost trust with the Planning Authority, this application had previously been granted permission under Class Q despite its appearance (from a lay persons point of view) not to comply with the definitions.
- Buildings likened to a Prisoner of War camp or toilet block.
- Site is untidy, it looks uncared for.
- The reports attached to this application appear to be contradictory in places, sometimes with an aggressive tone.
- Is it possible to have a development more in-keeping with the surrounding area?
- Concern that building company are "between rock and a hard place" members appreciate they are carrying out what they understood the application to be.
- Concern that the Planning Authority are not considering applications within this parish with as much care and attention as residents and parish councillors expect.
- Is there any compromise that can be reached for this site?
- Site in relation to previously agreed Conservation Area
- What can be achieved positively whilst acting in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Planning Policy Framework and Core Strategy.

RESOLVED to:

1. Request Cllr Mollie Groom "call in" this application for decision by the Planning Committee at Wiltshire Council.
2. Send an objection regarding this application to the Planning Authority, the Clerk is instructed to liaise with a Planning Consultant to achieve most proficient wording.
3. Inform the Planning Authority that this Council wish to speak against the application at the Planning Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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Cllr Alan Pfleger
Chairman

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