



HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES



of the meeting of the Planning Committee, held in the Committee Room at the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon on **Wednesday 11th May, 2016 at 8:00pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Duncombe, Coatsworth, Vicars, Hart, Garner, Adhemar and the Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public attended.

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Open forum

No members of the public attended.

4. Approval and signature of the minutes of the meeting on 20th April, 2016

The minutes for the meeting held on 20th April, 2016 were approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. To consider:

Application No. S/2016/0956/FUL

Proposal: Replace existing hedgerow with a boundary wall at entrance of proposed farm worker's dwelling

Location: South Farm Wappenham Road Helmdon

After considering the information contained in the documentation, the committee resolved to object to the application and to submit the following points:

1. The proposal constitutes further development outside the village confines.
2. The proposal involves the removal of almost 40 metres of existing mature hedgerow on the north side of Wappenham Road. The removal of the hedgerow and its replacement with a 40 metre long stone wall 1.5 metres high would have a harmful impact on the open countryside immediately outside Helmdon village and would extend the built up area of the village even further beyond the village confines.
3. The extent and design of the wall which includes 3m high stone ball pillars would be very visible in the local landscape being in line of sight for traffic leaving the village and also visible owing to size and form in the rural backdrop from a significant distance across open land on the opposite side of Wappenham Road which is bounded by mature hedgerow and post and rail fences.
4. The removal of mature hedgerow and its replacement with an engineered wall would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the important boundary between the village and open countryside at this edge of the village
5. The design and access statement for this dwelling (ref S/2015/0485/FUL) states that the intention is to create a dwelling that respects the surrounding open countryside environment and of a design that respects the constraints of this rural location. This current proposal, as part of the development, does not comply with this design intent.
6. The pre-application advice document for reference S/2015/0485/FUL advises that the loss of any existing hedgerow should be minimised when considering access improvements and an over engineered appearance should be avoided. This proposal does not comply with the advice given.

Application No. S/2016/0935/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 5 (window materials) of planning permission S/2015/2065/FUL (Demolition of bungalow and erection of detached dwelling and garage) to allow the use of pvc

After considering the information contained in the documentation, the committee resolved to support the application.

7. Councillor questions

None

8. Close

The meeting was closed at 8:15 pm

Signed _____ dated _____

Councillor Paul Duncombe, Chairman

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