

Hawkesbury Parish Council



**Minutes of Hawkesbury Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30pm
In the upstairs meeting room, Hawkesbury Parish Hall, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton**

Present:

Cllr Robinson (Chair), Cllr Higgs, Cllr Ruthven, Cllr S Bleaken, Cllr Winbow, Cllr Hope and H Jones (Parish Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Musty, Cllr Cox and Cllr Wareham

Public Participation

A Morgan, J Morgan, H Hasted, K Le Marquand, K Morgan, K Walker, J Fletcher and M Law-Parishioners of Hawkesbury Parish (item 5 Planning Application PK16/3416/O

Action

- 1 To Take apologies for absence**
Cllr Musty, Cllr Cox and Cllr Wareham
- 2 To record declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed**
Cllr Robinson (neighbour of planning application PK16/3218/F)

3 To adjourn to allow Public Participation

Cllr Robinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and explained under the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the public have 15 minutes to have their say. Cllr Robinson invited Councillors to introduce themselves to the Public followed by the public introducing themselves.

A planning notice has been received for Britton Bottom PK16/3416/O for 11 homes, which raises many concerns from the residents of the area;

Road Safety

- Near misses on regular basis, exceeding speed limit 30mph limit
- Narrow pavements for pedestrians-one fatality
- Hedgerow over grown majority of the time having walk in the road
- Only 79cm wide pavement by Cricklands Cottage - 5 collisions with their wall,

- pole demolished
- Car on the roof
- Speeds exceeding 60-70mph missing Cricklands Cottage
- Lack of infrastructure
- Large delivery lorries/vans use the village as a short cut to the M5-danger with wing mirrors protruding over the narrow pavements

Access

- Opposite The Firs
- Additional 60-70 vehicle movement in and out of this development (excluding delivery vans/visitors)

Impact on AONB

It is not an exception site

If planning granted it could potentially double the number of houses in the area-how would the Parish Council feel if the number of homes doubled locally?

- High density
- Drawn enormous interest from developers, could open the flood gates
- Land unsuitable for the number of houses
- Note on the application that nobodies view would be impaired-this is untrue it will affect all homes in that area-5 windows just from the farm would look onto the development.

CLlr Robinson thanked everyone for joining the meeting and for their comments.

CLlr Robinson put to the Parish Council to move item 5 planning applications forward-all in favour

5 Planning Applications received from South Gloucestershire Council

PK16/3416/O	Land At Britton Bottom Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of 11 dwellings (outline) with all matters reserved	This was discussed in full; CLlr Robinson asked the Parish Council whether they supported the application-it was put to a vote and the result was unanimously to refuse the application. The following wording was approved by CLlrs to send to SGC
<p>PK16/3416/O Land at Britton Bottom, Hawkesbury Upton The Parish Council OBJECTS to this application for the following reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The site is outside the village settlement boundary line 			

- The development location is contrary to policy
- The site is in an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- The development is in open countryside
- The site is on a very dangerous bend dip in the road levels and is unsuitable for further vehicular access purposes
- The pavements in this part of the village are already inadequate in terms of continuity and width and further development would compromise pedestrian safety
- The application pre-empts the PSP
- The site has not been put forward in the Call for Sites

For these reasons the Parish Council requests the application is **REFUSED**

Before the next planning application was discussed the public left the meeting.

PK16/3218/F	The Bacon House The Plain Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of detached car port	This item was discussed in full. It was put to a vote by Cllrs (Cllr Robinson did not take part in the vote), it was unanimously against the planning application and the following wording was approved by Councillors to send to SGC
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PK16/3218/F Bacon House, The Plain, Hawkesbury Upton

The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application for the following reasons

- The application amounts to more than a simple carport as described being about 5.80m high with large storage area on the first floor
- The application does not acknowledge that the site is within the local Conservation Area and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- The application is not dimensioned so no checks and measures can properly be determined
- The application has no Design & Access Statement despite being in a conservation area
- The design principals are contrary to the distinctive character and architecture that define the Conservation Area around The Plain – for example: the form, scale and massing of the proposal is out of context with other features within the conservation area, the materials proposed such as ‘feather boarding’ to a large and highly visible elevation are alien to those that characterise the setting, the roof area is disproportionately large with an eaves level only about 2.00m above pavement level
- We request that the Conservation Officer and Listed Buildings Officer be enlisted to conduct a site visit and report

- The upper floor is described as “storage” – if storage is permitted we request that this is conditioned as “for storage only and for no other purpose”
 - In summary the building principles do not fit with the distinctive character and architecture of the buildings and spaces that define the character of the conservation area around The Plain
- For these reasons the Parish Council requests the application is **REFUSED**

4 Councillor’s items-information only

4.1 30 MPH Speed Limit Sign has been hit and turned - Cllr Ruthven

This sign cannot be read as it is facing the wrong direction

Clerk to email Street Care

Parish Clerk

4.2 Two big holes as you enter the Hawkesbury Upton – Cllr Ruthven

Two large holes as you enter the village also due to the volume of rain it has been flooding cyclist and motor bikes will not see these deep holes. Urgent action is required before a serious incident happens.

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4.3 Sign on the A46 has turned-Cllr Ruthven

Streetcare issue to look at the sign and re-turn the sign.

Clerk to email Street Care

Parish Clerk

4.4 Flooding on Highfields Lane - Cllr Higgs

Grass cutting has dried by Highfields farm, gullies are becoming filled once again, volume of rain has caused flooding-Cllr Higgs will clear them

This was noted

4.5 Streetlight out-Britton Bottom-Cllr Higgs

Cllr Higgs to provide Clerk with the light number to enable her to report to Street Care

Cllr Higgs

4.6 Road Repairs-High Street-Cllr Hope

Cllr Hope confirmed the road repairs in the middle of the High Street may not take place for at least 10 weeks-**This was noted**

4.7 Street Light to be moved-Back Street – Cllr Hope

Residents of Back Street have received a letter to regarding led lighting from 2020-27 however; residents do not want it outside their house. Alerting Councillors-**this was noted**

4.8 Further power failures-Cllr Hope

On Friday power failed again, Cllr Musty has written to WPD but to date we have not received a response.

Finance

Payments to be agreed

A	ROSPA Play Safety Ltd-Invoice approved although not advertised on the agenda-see 4/7/16 agenda	£ 79.80
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B	Grass Cutting of Verges SGC - Invoice approved although not advertised on the agenda-see 4/7/16 agenda	£110.92

Parish Clerk

Resolved by Cllr Robinson proposing the payment, second by Cllr Higgs.

- 6 Date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th July 2016 in the upstairs meeting room, Village Hall, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm**

**Minutes Approved and signed as a true record.....
4th July 2016**