

North Wootton Parish Council



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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting of North Wootton Parish Council held in the North Wootton Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd October 2019

PRESENT Cllr S Shimmin (Chairman), Cllr Bovey and Cllr M Smith.

Nine members of the public were also present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.35

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bissett and Hoddinott.

2. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

• **Planning Matters**

2019/2325/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of two storey extension to include ancillary workshop within Class B1 (office) at ground floor level, Erection of car-port, covered link and provision of new driveway, gates and vehicular access to Launcherley Road at Feathers Launcherley Lane North Wootton Shepton Mallet BA5 1QJ.

Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

The applicant noted that the application was substantially the same. Somerset County Council Highways had requested a traffic survey to ensure access was safe. The visibility splay is more than the minimum required. **Standing orders were reinstated.**

Members considered the application and resolved unanimously to recommend it for approval by MDC. Councillors noted that there was a mistake on the application in that no workshop was planned as confirmed by the applicant at the meeting.

• **2019/2405/VRC**

Proposal: Application to remove condition 3 (limiting occupation) of planning approval 59733/A (erection of agricultural workers bungalow) to enable the dwelling to be occupied as an open market dwelling and not be limited to occupancy of agricultural and forestry workers, along with their dependents at Meadow Farm Chessell Lane North Wootton Shepton Mallet BA4 4HJ

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Standing orders were suspended.

The applicant explained the history of the site and that MDC had recommended regularising the agricultural tie. There were now only four acres of land with the bungalow which is not sufficient to support those living in the property. The applicant confirmed that he had bought the bungalow on the open market.

Standing orders were reinstated.

Members debated the details of the application and resolved unanimously to recommend it for approval by MDC. Councillors noted that the holding as it currently exists is unviable agriculturally but that the property exists nonetheless. They felt that the application had been made in good faith from a family with an agricultural background. Councillors advised that they whilst they were recommending this application for approval, they would not wish to see it setting a precedent for active farms in the area to apply to remove any agricultural tie.

4. Update on proposed Pilton bypass – The Chairman reported the following:
 - There would be a summary of information obtained in the following month's North Wootton News
 - Proposals were at a very early stage
 - .MDC was still looking at possible schemes with preliminary engineering studies taking place
 - There would be a formal consultation next year on any proposal and there was an undertaking by MDC that the parish council would be involved.
 - An officer from the MDC would be invited to the council meeting on 19th November and she would also be invited to look at the potential site around North Wootton

5. Date of next Meeting – 19th November 2019 (commencement of budget setting)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.19.

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