

MINUTES OF THE
OMBERSLEY AND DOVERDALE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT SYTCHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs: D Ingram (Chairman), W T Arnold, M Best, F Cody, Mrs J Mitchell, P Reynolds, R Reynolds, Mrs B Serrell, C Welch (9)

In Attendance: District Councillor P Tomlinson was also in attendance for part of the meeting

99/15 Apologies for Absence - Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs H Barningham, Mrs J Goodman, C McKenzie-Rowan.

100/15 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

None

Public Question Time

One member of the public was present (in respect of Minute No 101/15 (a) (v) below). They did not wish to take the opportunity to address the Parish Council.

101/15 Planning Matters

(a) Applications for comment

(i) W/15/01956/PN – Owl Hill Pig Unit, Owlhill Lane, Lineholt, Ombersley

The Parish Council has no objection to the proposal. It is however aware of representations received which raise the issue of noise and traffic implications. It would therefore ask that in determining the application consideration be given to whether it would be appropriate to place conditions on the application which control the hours of operation, particularly in the evenings and on Sundays.

(ii) W/15/02048/PP – Blacksmith's Cottage, Chatley Lane, Ombersley, Droitwich Spa

No objection to the application.

(iii) W/15/02032/AC – Land at rear of, The Parsonage, Parsonage Lane, Ombersley (Retrospective)

The Parish Council understands that the application cannot be considered as an access to the residential property as it is outside the curtilage of the property. As such the Parish Council has considered the application as an application for an agricultural access only.

The Parish Council understands that an agricultural access already exists so does not see the need to create a second one. However it has no reason to object to an application to create (a second) access for agricultural purposes only.

Note: Further advice was still awaited from Wychavon District Council's Planning Officer on the detail of the application. Comments would not therefore be submitted until after such advice had been received and if necessary re-considered by the Parish Council.

(iv) W/15/02125/CU – Land South of, Ox Orchard, Powers Lane, Ombersley

This application had been withdrawn due to the fact that the red line for the application and access arrangements were incorrect.

The application was likely to be brought back for consideration in due course. In preparation for this the Clerk was asked to draft a response indicating that the Parish Council objected to the application on the basis that there was no demonstrable need, the application was unsustainable and relied on the use of the private car, the potential impact on protected trees and the inappropriate access arrangements proposed.

(v) W/15/01779/CU – Land off, mount Pleasant Lane, Crossway Green (Retrospective)

The Parish Council regards this as a disingenuous application which should be rejected out of hand.

The application provides very little detail and, in the Parish Council's view, appears only to be a tool to frustrate the ongoing enforcement process. This does little to enhance the reputation of the planning process or protect the interests of nearby residents, a number of whom have made representations separately.

(vi) W/15/01777/PP – 16, Sandys Road, Ombersley, Droitwich Spa

No objection.

(b) Any Other Planning Matters

The Clerk reported that Application W/15/01328/PN – Land adjacent to The Hollies, Wards Lane, Uphampton had been rejected by Wychavon District Council.

He further reported detail of a conversation with a local resident concerning the appeal into the proposal for the erection of 6 dwellings to the east of 'Freshfields'(Albion House).

Finally, Cllr Best reported that the Parish Council's Tree Warden was preparing a map of the Parish indicating the location of all trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.