

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 9th September 2014

Held in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr C Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins	Vice Chairman
Cllr P Masterman	
Cllr D Dalton	
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr A Anderson	

3 members of the public including 2 residents of the village and the Surveyor involved in item 95 iii on the agenda.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

During the meeting residents were invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. (Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.)

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –the following APOLOGIES were received AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Burgoyne, Cllr Kennedy

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – members were asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting. None was declared.

95. This meeting was called to discuss the following planning applications:

i. **S/2014/1307/FUL – 22 Northampton Road – proposed home office/gym** – this application was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to the application provided that it was for an OFFICE/GYM as stated. Clerk to respond to SNC.

ii. **S/2014/1502/LBC & S/2014/1501/FUL – Grafton Barns, Gayton Road**

Conversion of existing barns and reconstruction of existing single storey sections to create 3 dwellings with garaging. Creation of new access road and erection of three bay car port and car parking. Removal of modern barn to north. Internal and external alterations to barns to accommodate the proposed use. Additional landscaping proposed.

This application was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the application but shared concerns with the neighbour over

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any damage to the listed Grafton House through flood damage as the run-off from the field would be impeded by the building. The Council also wanted to point out that the visibility from the entrance along Gayton Road must be adequate. **Clerk** to respond these 2 points to SNC. It was agreed that the conversion was in-keeping.

iii. Discussion for a proposed application for Candle Cottage, Gayton Road for 5 dwellings.

A letter had been received from Mr Kenning (present) who stated that he is acting as a Chartered Surveyor for a client who wishes to apply to build 5 'quality' dwellings and improve Candle Cottage. The letter was read to the meeting. Mr Kenning stated that this was not a pre-application but an exercise to explore the thoughts and views of the Parish Council.

The following points were raised by the Council:

- The development would be outside the Village Confines
- There is concern that development could extend along the canal towards the Blisworth Arm.
- The development would improve the site which at present is unsightly.
- Access on to the Gayton Road is a definite problem.
- Concern that the village needs affordable homes and not this development would not be affordable.
- Consideration was given to the possibility of 3 and not 5 homes on the site.

To conclude the meeting it was agreed that the Surveyor would liaise with his client and Orbit Homes who are developing the adjacent site to see if the same access road could be used to both sites for both construction AND as a permanent road.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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