

Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 7th June 2021 at 7pm** in Sibford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Mallows, Cllr Allen, Cllr Berks, Cllr Pougatch.

In attendance: 5 members of the public.

Business

20. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Pidgeon.

21. Members declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Cllr Allen declared that he is the immediate neighbour to planning app 21/01437/F (item 23) therefore he does not wish to vote on that item.

22. Correspondence – Speedwatch – Richard Irons was in attendance and offered to resume liaising with regards to a Speedwatch campaign. He will look into the hiring of a speed camera and volunteers to man it. This will enable true data on travel speeds through the village to be collected. He has spoken to N L Matthews and Ramthorne Concrete regarding their lorries speeding through the village. He felt this had had an impact. Highways Consultant Dave Catlin has advised that more 30 mph repeater signs are warranted along Colony Road. **Clerk to follow this up with Highways.**

Planning

23. Planning applications received

21/01437/F – New Rectory, Acre Ditch, Sibford Gower. Two storey detached replacement dwelling with semi basement. **Sibford Gower Parish Council OBJECTS to this application.**

We recognise and accept many positive aspects in this application, namely:

- demolishing the existing modern dwelling and subsequent one-for-one replacement
- the increased scale of the replacement dwelling on the site
- the comprehensive range of sustainability options proposed

However, there is a specific concern relevant to this prominent village location, bounded to the west by the conservation area, namely:

The overall impact of the exterior finish to the proposed large dwelling (high quality stone with semi-translucent limewash finish / artificial stone slates) is considered highly inappropriate as it will generate a large physical mass which will both intrude and dominate the surrounding area, failing to blend harmoniously with the nature and character of the location. We would seek a visual appearance utilising a blend of local materials and finishes which will both enhance and conserve the essential character and nature of this prominent village location.

Should the application be approved, it is noted that:

- prior approval of a sample panel to determine the precise nature of exterior finish is identified as a critical element
- no specific colouring is identified for the aluminium clad window frames
- no location is offered for the proposed air source heat pump or solar panels
- the subsequent location for any future garage/outside storage provision should be addressed through appropriate planning measures

24. Planning decisions received

21/00565/F - 1 Meadow Crest Cottages, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop. Part two storey, part single storey rear extension thatched canopy to front door and internal renovations. **Withdrawn.**

21/01108/F – Robin Hill, Burdrop. Conversion of existing outbuilding to living accommodation with pitched roof; single storey extension to connect to existing property; conversion of existing carport to garage with

pitched roof; change existing flat roof at front of property to a pitched roof to link in with new conversion and garage (amendments to existing approval reference 18/01650/F). **Approved.**

21/01321/TCA – Cubbs Cottage, Street through Burdrop, Burdrop. T1 x Picea Abies - one tree to ground level due to proximity of property (2.8m) and height (approx 10.0m). Has previously had top removed. Proposal to plant a hedge in its place along boundary wall - hedge type Aucuba Japonica and prunus Laurocerasus. **Approved.**

Meeting closed @ 7.45pm

Signed..... Date.....