

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2010

Chairman: M. Stuart
Vice Chairman: P. Nicholas
Parish Councillors: Mrs E. Chubb
P. Jay
R. Webb

The Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Stuart opened proceedings at 7.35pm.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Caunce had apologised as he had another commitment
Cllr Mrs Chapman had apologised as she was on other business
Cllr Harris apologised as he was unable to attend
Cllr Kimberley apologised as he was engaged with youth activities
Cllr Mrs Land had apologised as she was otherwise engaged
Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had apologised as she had already committed to another engagement

The Chairman stated that the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting had been called to determine a response to the outline planning application taking into account the reaction of residents at the Open Meeting held in the Village Hall on Friday 22nd October which had been attended by approximately 90 people.

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked Cllr Nicholas who had acted as Chairman at the Open Meeting for the excellent way he had carried out the duty. He then invited Cllr Nicholas to present the Extraordinary Meeting with his proposals.

Cllr Nicholas stated that the overwhelming consensus of the open meeting was that a tranche of 170 houses was wholly unpalatable. He then proceeded with the debate and colleagues helped formulate a series of points of objection to the outline planning application.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Stuart that the Parish Council should object to the proposal on the grounds that: whilst South Cerney with Cerney Wick Parish Council acknowledges that this site might be suitable for smaller scale, lower density residential re-development, the Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

1. the proposal for vehicular access is inadequate and unsatisfactory;
2. the absence of clear information regarding the percentage of affordable housing;
3. no information regarding the design of the houses;
4. the lack of any funding for the community building;
5. the absence of detail to show how the developer would deal with parking for the residents and visitors to the development;
6. the volume of traffic generated by 170 dwellings would cause unacceptable congestion and risk in other parts of the village;
7. no proposal for a dedicated cycle route to Cirencester or the expansion of the bus service to Cirencester;
8. the woodland, lakeside park and other public open spaces management costs, responsibilities and safety issues are not properly addressed; and
9. an application of this scale should only be considered as part of the emerging Local Development Framework.

The Parish Council was unanimously in favour of these proposals and voted to object to the application.

OBJECTION

There being no further business Cllr Stuart closed the meeting at 9pm.