

Minutes of
BRILLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 20th August 2020 at 6.30 pm held via Zoom.

In attendance: Adrian Chapman, Alasdair Stevenson, Roger Bayliss, Steven Anning.

Also present: Graham Jones, Ward Councillor, Emma Noble, Parish Clerk.

1. To receive apologies for absence – Chris Holloway
2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations -none received.
3. **Certificate of Exemption**
 - a) To confirm the Parish Councils exemption – Having considered the criteria the Parish Council resolved that it was exempt and the chair signed the Certificate of Exemption.
4. **Internal Audit Report**
 - a) To consider the internal Audit Report – The Parish Council considered and noted the Internal Audit Report.
5. **Annual Governance Statement**
 - a) To consider the Annual Governance Statement – The Parish Council considered the Annual Governance Statement confirming yes to all the criteria and authorising the Chair to sign it.
6. **Accounting Statements**
 - a) To consider and approve the Accounting Statements - Having considered the accounting statements Brilley Parish Council resolved to approve the Statement of accounts.
7. **Planning**

To consider planning consultation 202206 – Land East of Brynafal Lane & North of Yew Tree Cottage,

The application was discussed in length and the following comments were made.

Brilley Parish Council object to the planning application and the application is contrary to policies in the Brilley NDP and wish to register the following:

- The proposed cabin is in essence a two-bedroom dwelling albeit to be occupied on a multiple short term basis.
- The application site is significantly divorced from the nearest settlement identified as an appropriate location for new housing by policy BR2 of the Brilley NDP and Herefordshire policy RA2. New residential development should not be supported

here unless special circumstances, as set out in Herefordshire policy RA3 apply, and none of these are relevant in this case.

- It is also felt that the development would be unsustainable both economically and environmentally. The site is only easily reached by car and the use of cycles and walking are overplayed in the application, the location does not encourage either walking or cycling. The applicant states there are multiple bus services within a short distance of the site. In fact, there is a maximum of only 2 buses per week, one on a Wednesday and possibly one on a Saturday though this may not now be running.
- It is felt that the application does not comply with Herefordshire policies MT1, SS4 and SS7. The economic benefits have been overplayed, 60% occupancy of each unit over a full year is unlikely and it is highly unlikely that when occupied either unit would contain more than the 2 and 4 people for which there are bedrooms, 8 or 10 occupants would most likely be a rare occurrence and the numbers claimed for revenue for the local economy are fanciful. Additionally the claim that the two units would create a new full time employee position seems highly unrealistic.
- Approx 18 metre of hedgerow has already been removed from the proposed site prior to the planning application – also a large amount of timber has been removed and the entrance has been made a lot bigger - it is felt this is detrimental to the planning application.
- The application stated the existing roof will be removed and replaced with slate. Brilley Parish have concerns over the removal of the existing roof as it has been there for over 60 years and therefore could potentially contain blue asbestos – this will need to be tested before being considering removing the roof and if it does indeed contain asbestos it will need to be removed in a very safe and controlled manner by professionals in this field.

The Clerk will register these comments on the planning website page at Herefordshire before 25th August.

8. National Trust Woodland Management Plan

To consider Woodland Management Plan for Brilley Estate located at Cwmma Moor.-
The Clerk will email the Parish Councillors all relevant documentation and Parish Councillors will register any comments by email before 3rd September 2020.

Next Meeting 10th November at 7pm – Location to be confirmed.

Meeting *ended at 7.21pm*

