Alderminster Parish Council

Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 11th November 2020 Remote Zoom Meeting 6.00 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr John Melville Cllr Mark Meadows Cllr Michael White Cllr Lesley Casley

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 15+ members of the public

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell.

2. Declaration of interests:

Cllr White declared a non registerable interest in respect of item 4 and did not take part in the discussion or vote on this item.

(Cllr Meadows joined the meeting at 6.15. He declared an interest in items 4 and 5 of the agenda and did not take part in the discussions or vote).

3. Questions from the public:

All members of the public spoke to express their concerns about the outline planning application for 15 self-build/custom build houses on the site above The Old Stour.

Comments from the public covered the issue of surface water run-off from the site and the consequent flooding to neighbouring property.

Many stated that soakaways and surface water management within the boundary of the proposed new development would not be adequate to prevent flooding on and around it.

The information provided by Rosconn Strategic Land to support its application was generally deemed superficial and not factually correct in respect of a), the risk of flooding from surface run-off water and b), land drain and bund built on the site.

Many members of the public expressed concerns about:-

- 1. the safety of children, residents and other road users during construction of the site and the proposed access from Skylark Road;
- 2. lack of demand for self-build homes in Alderminster;

3. risk of living with a derelict site in the event the self-build plots take many years to be developed.

The public asked the Parish Council to object to the application.

They also asked that the Council ensure that an assessment from the Lead Local Flood Authority was provided.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council had received a reply to its request for confirmation that condition 6 of planning application 14/02372/OUT had been discharged.

The same member of the public noted that there was an application for exemption from CIL due to the self-build nature of the development. The village would therefore gain no financial benefit from the development.

- 4. Cllr Seccombe expressed her concern about the flooding and noted the damage suffered during the flooding last November. She had notified both the District Council planning authority and the Local Lead Flooding authority in Warwickshire County Council about her views on this matter.
- 5. **Planning application 20/02636/OUT Land off Shipston Road, Alderminster:** outline application for the construction of up to 15 self-build/custom build dwelling houses, provision of new access and laying out of public open space (approval sought for access and layout at outline stage).

After discussion it was resolved to object to this application. A copy of the Parish Council's objection would be posted on the planning portal at Stratford District Council.

6. Site Allocations Plan Preferred Options Consultation:

Preliminary discussions began on the Council's response to the consultation.

It was agreed that the Council would comment on Proposal SCB.2: East of Skylark Road, Alderminster; Built-Up Area Boundary – Alderminster and Proposal RURAL.4: Meon Vale (Former Engineer Resources Depot), Long Marston.

Representations would be drafted and agreed by Council at their next meeting.

- 7. **Date of next meeting:** 18:00 Wednesday 2nd December 2020 via Zoom
- 8. Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 19:30 pm