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Clerk to the Council Parish Room Old School Centre West End PORLOCK Somerset TA24 8QD

Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held in Parish Room on Monday 4th January 2024 at 4pm

Present: Cllr. D Thornton (Chair), Cllr S Colson, Cllr D McCanlis, Cllr S McCanlis

Also present: Admin Officer Caroline Harding

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence: Cllr. L Bloys

- 2. **Declarations of Interest and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Dispensations:** None declared
- 3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

4. To approve the minutes for the Planning Meeting held on 20th September 2023. The committee RESOLVED to approve the Planning Meeting Minutes of 20th September 2023.

PROPOSER: Cllr D McCanlis; SECONDER: Cllr S Colson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. 6/27/23/016 The Culbone, Porlock, Minehead, TA24 8JW

Proposed change of use from public house (sui generis) to mixed use – Shooting Lodge & Private Hire Venue (sui generis).

Cllr D Thornton gave an overview of the previous history of The Culbone relating to its historical failure as a public house and latterly as a venue for hire due to the economic climate and difficulties in hiring staff. The current owners of The Culbone, the Lillycombe Estate, are one of the largest employers in the parish during the shooting season.

The committee RESOLVED no objection.
PROPOSER: Cllr D Thornton; SECONDER: Cllr S McCanlis. ALL IN FAVOUR.

This conclusion was reached because The Culbone has a proven history of failure as a pub and hotel. Its closure will have little community impact if closed as an inn, and it has been suggested that it will support three part-time jobs in the local community. Furthermore, this should ensure that the building is kept in a well-maintained condition. Porlock Parish

Council recognise that it is detrimental to the scenic A39 that another public house is closing in the area.
The meeting closed at 4.20pm
Signed: Date: