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Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2020 via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220627268> at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Cllr. McCoy, Chairman
Cllr. Boden, Cllr. Ellicott, Cllr. Gable, Cllr. McCanlis,
Cllr. Maw, Cllr. Rayner, Cllr. Ware and Cllr. Wood.

Also present: Mrs. D Taylor-Pitkin (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Fraser, Cllr. Hancock and Cllr. Milne due to family commitments.

2. Declarations of Interest and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Dispensations

None were noted.

3. The PPC to consider the following planning application:

Planning Application 6/27/20/117 Porlock Caravan Park:

Variation of condition 2 of permission 6/27/02/105 to remove the 28-day restriction on holiday occupation (Alteration/Lift Condition)

Following a robust discussion the PPC have proposed **not** to support the planning application 6/27/20/117 and also request a response from Exmoor National Park to the following queries:

Proposer: Chairman McCoy
Seconder: Cllr. Wood

7 Councillors AGAINST
2 Councillor ABSTAINED

1. What was the purpose of imposing the 15th January to the 15th March restriction on occupation in the first instance?
2. If the restriction should be lifted what processes are currently in place to enforce the non-residential laws?
3. Policy RT-D8 states that no intensification of use of the property is permitted yet the expansion of the period of occupation would expressly contradict this.

4. The Applicants supporting statement gives the reason for refusal of the Application reference 6/27/19/112 as, essentially, the additional risk to life of flooding. It is not clear why lifting the restriction now in any way alters that rationale.
5. Was permission obtained/required by the Caravan Park to install the concrete pads in the centre field and change the infrastructure? This development would appear to increase the potential for the impact of flooding. (please see attached image)
6. Neighbouring sites have experienced opposition from ENPA due to the area being a flood plain, can you please confirm why the caravan park appears to be exempt from this?
7. Lifting this restriction will change the current business model, are you aware of any other sites which have done this and how it has benefitted the Village / Town it is located in.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:00.

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11th November 2020

Chairman

Post meeting update:

The responses received from the ENP case worker were issued to the PPC and a site visit was carried out on the 05th November 2020, he is to provide a report for the FC meeting on the 11th November 2020.