

MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Merton Parish Council was held in the Clinton Hall on Monday 1st June 2015 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Scantlebury and District Councillor Richard Wiseman

Present were Councillor Horner (chair) Councillors Collins, Laughton, Malcolm, Papworth, Brown, Nancekivell and the clerk Mrs Wendy Askew.

15. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015 were approved having been previously circulated. This was proposed by Councillor Papworth, seconded by Councillor Malcom and agreed by all councillors present at that meeting.

16. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes not on the agenda.

17. There were no members of the public to speak or District Councillor present to speak in these slots.

18. Planning Applications

a) 3 houses proposed in Clarks Lane. The plans for these houses were displayed by projector for all to see and discuss. It was decided to reply to the planning department at TDC with these comments from the Councillors;

There were serious concerns of access to the A386 from Clarks Lane. In particular for delivery Lorries, oil tankers and other large vehicles turning into Clarks Lane and then having to turn around to come out again. It was also of concern that the houses were in the wrong place and should be in keeping with other properties in the area. The layout should be reviewed. It was also of particular concern that the garages should be kept as low as possible and that the height of the buildings should be strictly controlled and monitored throughout the build.

b) Malt Scoop planning application for windows and soil pipe. The Councillors queried if this was a retrospective application as there might have been work already carried out. The Councillors feel the windows would be more in keeping with other properties if they were painted.

19. Footpaths – The footpath map had been displayed during the meeting and it was decided to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

20. An e mail was received from Jane and Robert Eades voicing their concerns about three items;

a) The proposed houses in Clarkes Lane, including nearness to their property, reducing views, and destruction of the wild life and apple trees on the proposed site.

b) Using Round up insecticides on the weeds etc in the village square

c) White goods being dumped in the garden at Grange Lane.

It was agreed to write to Mr and Mrs Eades stating that these concerns had been discussed. The Councillors have replied to the planning department at TDC with concerns about the siting of the new houses.

The insecticide used to kill the weeds in the square was the same as anyone can purchase from a garden centre.

Councillor Collins has agreed to visit Mr and Mrs Bolt to discuss the complaint about the dumping of white goods in the garden at Grange Lane.

21. Correspondence;

a) A complaint has been made concerning the garden hedges from Clinton Gardens footpath to the main road. It was decided the Council write to the owners of this property and ask them to trim back the hedge as it is overgrown and causing a hazard to people using the path.

The next meeting date will be Monday 6th July at 8.00pm.

Items for the next meeting will include Footpaths and Welcome packs.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm