

Woodhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON Monday 12th October 2015

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr
Cllr Alvin Augstein
Cllr Neil Farbon
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Simon West

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

Item for discussion – Planning application 15/00373/OUT

Apologies and reasons for absence – received from, Cllr Terry Huggins, Cllr James Mayall

Declarations of Interest – none

Public Forum – more than 20 members of the public were present at the meeting and the following points and concerns were expressed:

- Access issues through Abbots Close due to road width and parked cars.
- Extra pressure on the sewage facilities in the village.
- Plans for extra surface drainage from the site – soak-aways may not be sufficient.
- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance cost of proposed play area.
- Due to poor public transportation links - more traffic to the village.
- Disruption during construction.
- Sets a precedent for further development.
- Noise issues for properties close to the proposed play area.
- Fencing and maintenance of pond.
- Effect of development on homes and gardens that back onto it.

Most of the public chose to leave the meeting at 8pm before the councillors discussed the plans when the following points were raised:

- Access issues through Abbots Close due to the width of the road.
- Abbots Close parking.
- Validity of South Street access to site.
- The category of social housing is not mentioned in the application, ie privately owned or other.
- It is unclear if minimum garden length needed to separate from existing houses in Abbots Close.
- Concern that the development may be extended in the future, reducing the green space.
- Concern regarding the cost and responsibility of running and maintaining the play area.
- Concern regarding the existing sewage and drainage systems in the village as no mention is made of upgrading these.

The council recommended refusal of the planning application. See below.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 9:30pm.