

OLD ST MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Rd,
Old St. Mellons at 10:00am on Saturday 18th January 2014

Present:

Chair: Cllr D Rees (DR)

Vice Chair: Cllr R James (RJ)

Councillors: Cllr A Davies (AD)
Cllr J Rogers (JR)
Cllr D Stroud (DS)
Cllr S Williams (SW)

Clerk to the Council: Mrs N Evelyn-Gauci (NG)

1. Apologies for absence (1 min)

Cllr R Blackmore
Cllr L Phillips
Cllr S Johns
Mrs N Winstanley

2. Declaration of interests (1 min)

AD declared an interest in St. Edeyrns
JR declared an interest in St. Edeyrns.
SW declared an interest in Old St. Mellons Defined – newsletter.

3. 13/02646 DCO (40 min)

Works to the junction of Church Road and the access road off Pontprennau roundabout (A4232)
(Including correspondence received)

Application Number: 13/02646/DCO

Proposal: Works to the junction of Church Road and the access road off Pontprennau roundabout (A4232) to enable a new road access into land to the south of Church Road. In addition the stopping up of Church Road at its junction with Bridge Road and the translocation of a hedge along Church Road

At: Land at Church Road, Pontprennau

The Chair spoke for the public's benefit outlining the planning application, by reading the copy sent to all Councillors, also stating that OSMCC was in receipt of an email from a member of the public and noting this had already been received by all Councillors.

The meeting was suspended at 10:06 as per standing order 84

(Under Standing Order 84 the meeting may be adjourned for up to fifteen minutes for a public session. Each member of the public may speak only once and may express observations only. Members of the Council should not enter into any discussion. The Chair may limit an individual's speech to provide equal opportunity to all members of the public.)

A member of the public had noted that the first they heard of this application was from a local councillor and stated that the 'blocking up of this route will have multiple adverse environmental impacts with more congestion on Wern Fawr Lane, more people joining the A48 and is therefore not in-line with the stated aims of the council in relation to the environment'

The Chair asked for any further comments from the public as there was none, went on to give a brief outline of what this proposal means, which would result in using green land for development, it was noted that this area is part of the 1020 housing development – in which planning was granted which was against national policy and local plan on greenfield land.

It was also noted that this was linked to section 247 Town and Country Planning Act – which could allow necessary road alterations, after planning permission was granted for 156 houses, then 1020 houses

It was noted that should permission be granted, there would have to be a second stage which is public consultation, any objection needs to be from a registered statutory body/bodies, but must be received from a large number of organisations, then this would open up on a national scale or even a public enquiry.

It was noted that Section 130 of the Highways Act stipulates that the council's duty is to protect and provide the public to have right of access for the highway.

The Chair stated that the meeting resumed: noted: 10:21

It was noted that this could affect access to and from St. Edeyrns.

It was noted that the wildlife will be affected, this in relation to the hedgerow translocation.

It was asked that under Section 130 of the Highways Act – local access forum who is the representative and what have they done.

It was noted that as a Community Council it is our duty to see that bridle paths, access routes and footpaths are protected.

It was noted that the hedgerow which is proposed to be removed, is home to many wildlife including the dormouse which is a protected species.

It was noted that there are 3 planning applications not two close by.

It was asked that what are we going to do to spread the word to members of the public as they should be aware of what is being proposed.

The Chair stipulated that we have a public duty to comment.

It had been noted that the road leading off from Pontpennau roundabout to Church Road is a 'no through road' and it is illegal for anyone to access this road to and from this area. At one point Police were asked to stand near that area and enforce this.

There was a comment with regards to the speed on Began Road and Bridge Road, that this traffic had come from Pontpennau and Lisvane direction.

The Chair asked if any Councillor had any further comments and concluded to write an objection letter to this planning application.

It was resolved : by majority, 5 votes for, 1 vote against.

4. OSMCC – Newsletter - suggestions (18 min)

It was noted that a 2 page advert as per the summer edition will be in Old St. Mellons Defined.

Content discussed for newsletter to be added to this edition.

- 1) To mention the Hall Management Committee – brief outline.
- 2) To add Village Hall hire charges, to welcome dance classes etc and include WIFI info
- 3) Include planning applications – brief outline.
- 4) Add precept is not being increased this year.
- 5) Mention Tyr Winch Playing Field, including FIT – brief outline what this means.

The Chair thanked the public for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 11:13

*Cllr D Rees
Chair to the Old St. Mellons Community Council*