

Extraordinary meeting of Silverton

Parish Council

Tuesday 19th December, 2017.

Present: Cllrs J Barrett (Chairman), G Barrett, S Roach, J Roach, F Derbyshire, K Faulhaber and A Lawson (who took the minutes in the absence of Sheila the Clerk).

Apologies: S Woodland (Clerk) and B Deed

Meeting open to public for 15 minutes: Dr. Robert Lewis asked if the Parish Councillors had read all the MDDC information on the proposed development at Butterleigh Hill, Silverton. The Council assured the public that they had all indeed read the information. Liz Trebble expressed concerns about the increase in traffic up through Fore Street/High Street and on to Butterleigh Hill. With 6 properties proposed for the site this would mean at least 2 cars per property. Flooding also of great concern. Land here has always reduced the risk of flooding further down towards the village, but if this is developed where would the rain water go? The hedgerow here also has historical value, with three 7 metre openings being cut through to permit access this would mean a huge loss. Francis Beadle, though new to the village, is very aware of the historic flooding and wishes to preserve the land as it is to soak away run off from the fields. Suzanne Lane very worried that the hedge would not survive being moved and would have an impact of the wildlife. Dormice are known to inhabit the area and the hazel trees within the site are a source of food for them. She understands that there is a legal requirement to protect the dormice as they are an endangered species. Light pollution would also impact on the wildlife too.

Planning:

Proposed 6 dwellings on Butterleigh Hill, Silverton

The councillors agreed that MDDC need to confirm whether or not the site had been used as a burial site for animals with anthrax. Sheila will contact them to clarify this.

Cllr S Roach proposed that SPC do not support the application due to the serious road safety issues (narrow lane used on a daily basis by very large farm vehicles and their machinery), loss of an historic hedgerow, flooding concerns, over development of the site, parking issues for extra cars visiting the site and the fact that the site is not in the local plan. Cllr F Derbyshire seconded the proposal. Vote agreed with 1 abstention.

40 Fore Street, Silverton – height reduction of line of 4 – 5 leylandi/cypress

Cllr K Faulhaber proposed supporting application. Cllr F Derbyshire seconded. Vote agreed with 1 abstention.

Wayleave Agreement:

Cllr S Roach proposed that Sheila goes ahead and signs. Cllr K Faulhaber seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Budget Meeting: Agreed to be held on Monday 22nd January, 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm