

SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a visual covid working party meeting held on Friday 22nd May 2020.

Present: The Chairman and Councillors Black, Whitehead, Bonnett, Marsello, Vallis, Coveley, Mitchell, Burgess and Huntington. The Clerk kept the minutes.

Apologies – Councillors Walker and Vickers.

1. Planning –

a) 20/00665/Ful – Heath Farm, Heath Road, Ramsden Heath – Rebuilding of 6 barns and a single storey garage which were destroyed by fire. For incidental use to the property – We have looked carefully at this application and when first presented, it sought permission to replace six barns on the site which were destroyed by fire. It was our understanding that there was essentially one large barn divided into six units but as the footprint appears to be less than the original and usage is marked as “incidental to the main dwelling”. The statement from Mrs Garcia-Valez confirms that the use of the barns was for horse related activities and never used for agriculture. As such, the Parish Council was not planning to object, but we have been made aware of the large amount of activity on the site and visits to it confirm that work appears to be carried out which would not have been required for stabling/hay storage but for other possible uses. The City Council’s Enforcement Team has been alerted and the Planning Officer is also aware of the situation. She advises us that the works that have been carried out require planning permission and that the present application will have to be amended. This work has now ceased following the Enforcement Officer’s advice. In view of the problems at the site and the nuisance caused to immediate neighbours, the Parish Council would wish to see any revised proposal before making a final decision. We are aware of the need for planning timescales to be met but assume that if an amended application is required, the clock will be stopped and seek your advice on this. If required to give an immediate response the Parish Council wishes to object to the application as it does not respect the original properties that were on the site and have concerns that the applicant could adapt them for purposes other than horse uses as part of his entertainment business.

b) 20/00482/Ful – Tylde Hall Bungalow, Heath Road, Ramsden Heath – Proposed demolition of existing HMO and construction of 2 detached dwellings with associated car parking – Object, greenbelt. Is 40% larger than

the original footprint and 2.1m higher. Overdevelopment and would affect the openness of the countryside.

c) 20/00707/Ful – 57 Heath Road, Ramsden Heath – Demolish existing dwelling and garage. Construction of replacement dwelling – Object, overdevelopment, not in keeping, refer to VDS and there was no supporting existing drawing documentation provided.

d) 20/00560/Ful – 36 Park Lane, Ramsden Heath – Ground and first floor extensions to existing bungalow to form a new four bedroomed chalet dwelling with two storey gables to the front and rear – No comment.

2. Donation Request from Downham Parochial Church Council – Cllr Thomason declared a non-pecuniary interest. The Clerk reported that following on from the last meeting, two proposals have been brought to the table. Cllr Huntington proposed a donation of £1000.00 and Cllr Black proposed £1500.00. After receiving additional information Cllr Huntington withdrew his proposal. All in favour for a £1500.00 donation to be made.

3. Discuss the removal of the Recreation Ground Hedge in relation to the Insurance Claim at 41 Dowsett Lane, Ramsden Heath – Members were in full agreement that the hedge and stumps be removed from the corner of Dowsett Lane up to the red bollards, near Recreation Walk. Planning permission will need to be applied for, as this is a protected hedge. Cllr Marsello met with Steve Phillips and is awaiting the quotation. Two other further quotes will need to be sought. The Chairman thanked Cllr Marsello for his time spent on this matter.

4. Matters for Information –

- a) Cllr Vallis suggested we look into adopting a Grants Policy.
- b) Cllr Marsello reported a local resident has offered to purchase a replacement seat to be sited by Downham Pond.
- c) Cllr Huntington reported that the White Horse now have a shop selling local produce.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.17pm.

Approved as a true record.

Signed.....Dated.....

