

Fovant Parish Council

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting Held at The Waterside, High Street, Fovant on Monday 7th August 2023 at 7.00pm

11.08.01 Those present and apologies for absence

Present: Councillors T. Phillips (Chairman), D. Horne (Vice Chairman), W. Hobbs, M. Wallis, A. Cousley, A Havard.

In attendance: T. Culver-James (Clerk), 20 members of the public.

Apologies: None.

11.08.02 Declarations of Interest

None made.

11.08.03 Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed attendees and commented at the high level of interest by the community with respect to the two planning applications on the agenda. He noted that the Parish Council would be seeking additional coopted councillors in due course, and wondered if any present may consider the role. He explained the parish council's role in the planning process, highlighting that it was not for the Parish Council to decide on an application, merely to make a recommendation based on their local knowledge and submit this to the Planning Authority. He did note the avenue of calling in to committee of the planning authority, in the case that planning officer's decision should conflict with the Parish Council's recommendation. He then invited members of the public to speak to the issues, noting a time limit of three minutes. He suggested that the comments be split, dealing with Brookside Cottage first, and Millbrook Trout Farm second.

Overview of public comment PL/2023/04853 Brookside Cottage

Of the comments made, the main concerns were further development in a zone three flood area, which has a high water table and a number of occasionally unpredictable sub-surface springs. Also raised was the potential obstruction of the High Street by lorries making deliveries. This has been a problem in other village locations. One member of the public supported the application, and expressed surprise that the meeting had been convened at all, as there seemed no need for it. Amongst the comments made by residents, this was the only expression of this nature, all others voicing concern to some degree. Councillors then discussed the application, their discussion is minuted at 11.08.04.

Overview of public comment PL/2023/05890 Millbrook Trout Farm

Members of the public enumerated many concerns at this application. A degree of suspicion was expressed at the underlying intent of the application, arguing that the existing access for the location seems sufficient for a relatively small agricultural field. Indeed, a previous application had contained a time limited approval for an access on Tisbury Road, but this was never taken up by the

then applicant in spite of the extensive conversion work needed within the property. The issue of road safety was also to the fore, with general potential for an increase in movements, and specifically at the location on Tisbury Road. Additional concern was raised at the potential wildlife habitat impact by the removal of the existing hedge. One member of the public believes that the application has legal implications for him, as he is of the view that there may a boundary issue. There was no public support voiced. Councillors then discussed the application, their views being minuted at 11.08.04.

11.08.04 Planning matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

PL/2023/04853 Brookside Cottage, High Street, Fovant

Councillors echoed concerns raised in the meeting regarding road safety and lack of flood mitigation. They resolved unanimously to object to the application. An objection, with comments was submitted by the Clerk on 10 August 2023 (WC-23-08-276367). A copy of the comments is attached, reflecting the discussion.

PL/2023/05890 Millbrook Trout Farm, Fovant, SP3 5JP

Similarly, Councillors echoed the concerns of the public, particularly on road safety grounds. They resolved unanimously to object to this application. An objection, with comments was submitted by the Clerk on 10 August 2023 (WC-23-08-276377). A copy of the comments is attached, reflecting the discussion.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm