

**STEEPLE MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00pm**  
 in Steeple Morden Cricket Pavilion

**Present:** Councillors: J Clayton (Chairman), C Upchurch, S Wheatley, K Austin, M Carroll, Mr Bird  
 In attendance: Mrs S Walmesley (Clerk) and one member of the public.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Traverse-Healy and Cllr Belson.  
 There were no declarations made.

**2 COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS FROM PARISHIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no issues raised.

**3 Planning Applications**

3.1 Planning Ref 21/04296/FUL

Land off Ashwell Road – Erection of four detached earth sheltered Paragraph 80 dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping, formation of two new ponds and re-wilding of lane

Cllr Traverse-Healy had provided a briefing on the proposal in his absence. Cllr Austin observed that the access to the site would be right beside the 30mph speed sign.

A discussion took place on the application for four dwellings rather than the one single dwelling as permitted under LDP Policy H/15. The dwellings were also not of sufficient architectural benefit as per NPPF paragraph 80.

***Recommendation –Object***

***-Outside the village envelope***

***-The proposal was for four dwellings not one single building as per NPPF para 80***

***-The four dwellings would not be of significant architectural benefit***

***-The four dwellings would not be compatible with adjacent properties***

***The Parish Council would reconsider an application for this land if it was for a single dwelling of architectural merit.***

**4 Other Planning Issues**

There were none raised.

**5 Hay Street Parking**

The Parish Council had been copied in on an email to Cllr Williams where concerns had again be raised over the parking which was especially bad during school drop off and pick up times.

Councillors were aware that this issue had been raised regularly over the years. The County Council Highway Officer and School Crossing Patrol Service Manager both stating that the junction was safe. If double yellow lines were installed they would need to be enforced.

The Clerk was asked to reply to the resident advising that the Parish Council was aware of the concern but there was nothing further they could do. A letter would be sent to the Primary school asking them to remind parents to park in the car park provided.

**-Clerk**

**6 Councillors' items for information and requiring the urgent attention of the Clerk**

6.1 Conservation Area Cut

It was noted that the area had not been cut. The Clerk confirmed that she had sent an email following the last meeting to the contractor. Cllr Badger had also agreed to follow up.

The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor and ask that the area be cut by the end of October. If this was not possible then another contractor would be asked to carry out the work.

**-Clerk**

#### 6.2 Village Disturbances

Cllrs Carroll and Belson had been approached regarding disturbances in the village. Councillors agreed that any disturbances were not within the Parish Council remit and were the responsibility of other agencies.

#### 6.3 Outstanding October Invoices for Payment

On a proposition by Cllr Upchurch, seconded by Cllr Austin, the following payments were agreed –

BHIB	
Insurance Premium October 21-September 22 (paid by bacs 12/10/21)	£944.14
PRO CLEANING	
Disabled toilet clean September 2021	£ 19.56
EW PEPPER LTD	
Allotment rent 2021/22	£400.00
MRS S WALMESLEY	
Salary & expenses July-Sept 21	£1418.43

The Clerk confirmed that online banking was now up and running. There had been a successful payment made to BHIB earlier in the month. The Chairman was still trying to obtain the necessary permissions for access.

It was agreed that the above payments be made by bacs.

There was no further business. The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm