

**STEEPLE MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 at 6.30pm**

At Steeple Morden Cricket Pavilion

**Present:** Councillors: J Clayton (Chairman), K Austin, M Bird, N Sharkey, N Badger, C Upchurch, S Traverse-Healy  
 District Cllr Williams  
 In attendance: Mrs S Walmesley (Clerk), and two members of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Parsons and Cllr Carroll  
 There were no declarations made.

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

2.1 Planning Ref 22/03221/FUL

Concerns were raised by Odsey residents over the assumption that there was parking for 20 cars on the site. There was no space on the site for this number of vehicles. There were also concerns over the cesspit, where there had historically been problems, and Councillors were advised that Odsey residents currently experienced water supply issues. When a tender was recently filled at a standpipe all the houses in the village ran out of water. Adding another eight bedrooms would add to the water shortage. Additional traffic through the village as a result of the extension would also be a problem.

There was considerable traffic congestion at various times of day, and sight lines were obscured by a railway bridge. Visibility for cars pulling out of the car park would be further impacted

Cllr Williams advised that traffic was a material consideration and suggested residents make a representation to the Planners if concerned.

**3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**4 Planning Applications**

4.1 Planning Ref 22/03221/FUL

116 Station Road –Demolition of existing extension and construction of a two storey rear extension

Councillors agreed that hotel was a commercial operation and an extension of the current use. A previous application for housing had been refused. Councillors also agreed that there were no grounds for objection but the Parish Council could make a request for conditions.

Cllr Traverse-Healy observed that there was no fire escape on the plans and suggested that the Fire Authority be consulted.

On a proposal by Cllr Traverse-Healy, seconded by Cllr Badger, the following recommendation was agreed –

***Recommendation –Support subject to conditions.***

***-That the stated car parking for 20 vehicles be investigated as land not owned by the hotel would have to be used***

***--The infrastructure, including sewage, must be adequate to accommodate the additional requirements***

***-The current water supply issue must be upgraded as residents were experiencing water shortages and the further water requirement would add to this***

***- The Fire Authority to be consulted on Fire regulations and safety for the extension***

***-Highways to be asked for their view on the additional traffic which would be generated by the additional rooms.***

***The Clerk was also asked to request that if the conditions could not be met then the application should go before the Planning Committee.***

Cllr Williams asked that it be noted she helped with the process but not the decision making.

4.2 Planning Ref 22/03531/PRIOR

86 Station Road –Single Storey rear extension

**Recommendation -Support**

4.3 Planning Ref 22/02670/HFUL

25 The Green –Replacement render and new first floor side facing window and replacement external wall render

**Recommendation -Support**

**5 Other Planning Issues**

There were no other planning issues raised.

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

6.1 Pavilion Electrical Work

The Clerk advised that the agreed work to supply and fit a floodlight with timer on the Reading Room had been completed and the invoice, which was as quoted, received. It was agreed that the invoice for £409.20 (including £68.20) be paid.

There was no further business. The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.45 pm