

## **STEEPLE MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm in Steeple Morden Cricket Pavilion**

**Present:** Councillors: N Badger (Chairman), K Austin, M Bird, N Sharkey, O Parsons, C Upchurch, S Traverse-Healy  
In attendance: Mrs S Walmesley (Clerk), and four members of the public.

In the absence of Cllr Clayton the meeting was chaired by Cllr Badger.

#### **1 Apologies For Absence And Declarations Under The Code Of Conduct And Requests For Dispensations**

Apologies were received from Cllr Clayton, Cllr Carroll and District Cllr Williams.  
There were no declarations made.

#### **2 Comments And Observations From Parishioners And Members Of The Public**

##### **2.1 Planning Ref 22/052856/PRIOR**

Residents from Cheyney Close expressed their concerns over the location of the proposed equipment being only feet from properties. This was an inappropriate location and would reduce the visibility for vehicles leaving the Close. There were also concerns raised over the potential damage to a local childminding business due to the perception parents may have over the mast.

The residents were urged to make their representations to the application to South Cambridgeshire District Council.

#### **3 Planning Applications**

##### **3.1 Planning Ref 22/05286/PRIOR**

Grass verge of Cheyney Street –Installation of a 17m monopole and equipment cabinets

Cllr Traverse-Healy advised that as far as he was aware there had been no pre-application discussions with the Planners. Councillors agreed that there were other places within the village, for example the recreation ground, where the equipment could be sited.

After further discussion on the application it was proposed by Cllr Traverse-Healy, seconded by Cllr Upchurch, and agreed by all Councillors that the following recommendation be made –

***Recommendation Objection***

***The proposed site abuts the conservation area and visually impacts upon it. The mast would be overbearing and an alien form in this location. It would not enhance the character and setting of the Conservation Area. For the same reasons it would also have a negative impact on a grade two listed building in close proximity.***

***A local Child-minding concern is situated immediately beside the proposed site and client perceptions of a health risk to potentially vulnerable children could seriously affect their business.***

***The Parish Council is not opposed to a mast in principle but believes that more suitable locations are available.***

***As this is a prior approval application the District Council are asked to determine within the proscribed period and not allow the application to succeed by default. If the District Council's view differs from the Parish Council then we would ask that the application is put before the planning committee.***

#### **4 Other Planning Issues**

There were no other issues raised.

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

There were no items.

There was no further business. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm