

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee held on Wednesday 6th June 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors Mr. J. Rhodes (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Mr. R. Davis and Mr. A. Jones, Parish Clerk Mr. P. Buist.

Action

1. Apologies

Received from Cllrs. R. Fitzgerald, P. Clarke, R. Goodland & R. Vie.

2. Open Period

No points were raised.

3. Declarations of Interest

Although he was not declaring an interest, the Vice Chairman made the committee aware that he was preparing a response to the Aœ Liftaway application for Braishfield PC. Cllr. Davis declared a personal interest in the Ace Liftaway application, the company who carried out the noise survey was known to him.

4. Planning Applications.

4.1 Enlargement of recycling centre, Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill.

The letter from Ace Liftaway inviting Councillors to a presentation on either Thursday 28 June at 5.30 pm or Monday 2 July at 2 pm was **noted**. It was **agreed** to seek an earlier visit prior to the deadline for submission of comments. Failing that, Hants CC should be asked for a time extension.

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Following discussion the committee **agreed** that they had no objection to recycling on the site, but would wish to object to this application because of the following concerns.

- Noise. The noise survey was inadequate. The sample take was too small, did not include the noise from the proposed wood chipper and concrete crusher. The survey also only considered the affect of noise on the houses in Sandy Lane and not others near-by.
- Storage of Hazardous materials and fuel. There was no indication in the proposal that emergency plans existed to deal with a disaster incident. The Committee questioned how an escape of fumes into the air or a leak of fluid into local water courses would be dealt with.
- Traffic. The Committee were concerned at the increase of heavy traffic.

It was **agreed** if possible, to delay a response until after a site visit had taken place.

4.2 07/01249/FULLS, Redevelopment of existing fabrication building together with replacement

This was a revised scheme from that already given permission about 12 months ago. The committee considered the new proposal an improvement. It was **agreed** that there was no objection to the proposal but the following reservations should be commented on.

- There was uncertainty about the full extent of the application site. This was not defined clearly on any of the plans. In particular there was no mention of the strip of land to the west of the new development that previously had been used as open storage. This had been a particularly unattractive feature of the site and now that the collection of various containers had been removed, they should not return.
- The external lighting on the site caused concern. Lighting in the countryside should be kept to a minimum. A request should be made for a condition to apply that kept car park lighting at a low height. This would

reduce the impact and the amount of light pollution.

5. Chairman's Mandate

The Chairman was mandated to speak on behalf of the Parish Council on the items contained in these minutes. This was extended to the Vice Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Peter Buist
Parish Clerk
14 June 2007.