

Tuesday 11 August 2020

Virtual via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Phillips (Chair), Abbott, Habgood, Sherwood, Latimer, Fear, Potts, Cox, Howard, Tesniere

Apologies Received: Dorset Cllr Haynes

No apologies received: Cllrs Murray, Lock

1. Declarations of Interest

None

2. Planning application – WD/D/20/001203 Land adjacent Piddlehinton Enterprise Park, Church hill, Piddlehinton - Create a temporary gypsy and traveller transit site for 3 years for 25 caravans to start 1st April 2020 and end 31st August 2023 inclusive for five months a year

Cllr Phillips presented this application and advised of other consultees comments submitted which included concerns around security, the permanent gypsy site and the site not being sustainable.

Cllr Potts raised concern that with no permission currently in place to use this site, it should be an enforcement matter. Cllr Potts believes there is currently 5 vans on the site with no security. There is also a lot of rubbish on the site.

Cllr Phillips advised that he is trying to obtain a copy of the Management Plan and believes that the one produced in 2014 is the one being adhered to. It is hoped that this application will be called in to Committee.

Cllr Cox reminded the meeting that in 2012 the then Dorset County Council Leader confirmed that this site would only be in use for 3 years.

It was felt that if the temporary transit site was in areas with facilities such as bus services and shop there would be more of an upset by residents as there would be a more dense population.

Cllr Cox advised that the Police needed the site to move any travellers to from unauthorised locations and the majority of travellers choose to move on as they don't want to go the Camp.

Cllr Fear expressed concern with the lack of enforcement and Dorset Council are not demonstrating any effective management of the site.

Cllr Cox agreed that in the past the parish council have repeatedly requested better management.

It was felt that if all the security measures are in place this could placate the residents and businesses at the Park.

Cllr Howard believes that as Dorset Council are using this site illegally they will continue to do so. If the application is agreed to with conditions it will then give the parish council a mechanism to go back to Planning if these are not being adhered to.

Cllr Abbott confirmed that he has been involved with all the planning applications for this site and would like to see this application being approved with the original conditions. Cllr Latimer also agreed that this should be agreed.

There was a strong concern that Dorset Council won't enforce the conditions.

It was proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Potts that this application should be approved with the following comments;

Piddle Valley Parish Council would accept this proposal if the conditions in the 2014 Management Plan as stated in the Design and Access statement at that time are applied. Currently the CCTV camera is not working on the entrance to the camp. We request that this is fixed or replaced and is working at all times as a condition of acceptance. We also request that Security should be required permanently when there are a minimum of 2 transits on site.

All agreed with one against.

3. Planning application - WD/D/20/001541 Brambleside, High street, Piddlehinton - Erect Sun Room on existing balcony

Cllr Phillips presented this application and proposed that it should be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Potts with all in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2025 with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 7.30pm, Virtual via Zoom.