

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council extraordinary meeting at the Abingdon Hall on the 18th of March 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr P Le Prevost – Chairman, Cllr K O’Connor, Cllr J Goodliffe, Cllr S Trim, Cllr A Thomas, Cllr H Marsh and Cllr K Skinner

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk to the Council – Dorset Councillor Jane Somper. There were 8 members of the public present.

Public Consultation: there were none.

23/76. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

There were none.

23/77. Declaration of interest and dispensations.

There were none.

23/78. To discuss the following Planning Application, which needs to be decided on before the next Parish Council meeting.

P/CLE/2024/01133 – Crossways, Hobgoblin, Iwerne Minster, Dorset, DT11 8LP – Siting of a caravan for a use incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house.

The Chairman informed the public that any comments on this application will need to be submitted to Dorset Council Planning Department, using the Dorset Council website, by the 26th of March 2024.

Cllr H Marsh gave a detailed presentation on the above proposal. The Chairman then withdrew standing orders to allow the public to speak to agenda item 3.

The following comments were made:

- For the application to have a provision set in it that the certificate of lawfulness is only for so many years.
- This is not a caravan, it is a log cabin.
- The log cabin is sited within 2 metres of the boundary and has been erected in the front garden, instead of the rear garden. It is more than 30sq meters in size therefore not a caravan. The driveway is now 20 feet wide instead of the original 7 feet.
- The log cabin can not be moved, only by lifting with a very large crane, which would not be possible due to access through narrow lanes and its size and weight of lifting gear required.
- The proposed caravan is in the heart of the conservation area on an elevated site and is a wholly inappropriate overbearing building.
- It will have a detrimental visual impact on the conservation area both within The Chalk and the village as a whole.
- Concerns were raised that Dorset Council no longer inform local residents of planning applications and are not giving suitable time from receiving the application to when decisions need to be made.

Cllr H Marsh has produced a detailed report on this application which the Councillors have all seen.

Cllr H Marsh proposed that this application is objected to for the reasons listed on the detailed report and taking into consideration the comments for the public, this was seconded by Cllr J Goodliffe and all Councillors were in favour.

RESOLVED: to object to application P/CLE/2024/0113 (certificate of lawfulness) Crossways, Hobgoblin, Iwerne Minster – siting of a caravan for a use incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house. (23/78 no budgetary requirements).

23/79. Items for next agenda – Elections

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Monday 8th April 2024**
at 6.30pm, at Abingdon Hall, Iwerne Minster

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed by the Chairman

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