

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at Ashingdon Church Hall, Church Road, Ashingdon on Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr. T. Flowers
Councillors: Cllr. Dan. McCarthy Cllr. Sean. Chittenden
Officers: Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk
Members of press and public: None

21/162 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. D. Catchpole sent his apologies. No apologies were received from Cllr. Glen. Dryhurst

21/163 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the virtual planning meeting on Tuesday 20th July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the virtual planning meeting on Monday 2nd August 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/164 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

21/165 Public participation session

Five present.

21/166 Planning

RESOLVED that the District Council be informed of the comments as set out below the following applications:-

- (i) Application No: 21/00917/FUL
Proposal: Proposed outbuilding for dog grooming business.
Location: Concorde Lodge The Chase Ashingdon SS4 3JE
Objection: **This is industrial development in a Green Belt area. An ancient wood has been decimated to accommodate this newly installed portable building. This owner has a history of actions against planning laws and it appears that no action has as yet been taken against him. If this application is allowed there will be an increase in traffic on a private road, which has already been damaged and there is no off street parking, nor is there any space for parking**

on the street, so visitors will block the highway for other residents. The residents of The Chase maintain the road surface at their own expense and regrettably, the several heavy delivery lorries, cement trucks and mobile cranes contracted by the applicant and driven along and parked in The Chase have already damaged the road surface. There is already light pollution from the large floodlights that have been installed and used at night. This will be over development. Many trees have been cut down and many more trees will be if this application is approved. The grooming, keeping and kennelling of animals for a business will require the storage, use, risks, environmental harm and disposal of chemicals and other pollutants. The grooming, keeping and kennelling of animals for a business will result in significant excretion, discharge, flow, contamination, accumulation, storage, use and disposal of chemicals and other pollutants and disposal of urine and faecal waste which will have a detrimental and harmful effect on neighbours, ground surfaces, ground water, water courses, habitats, flora, fauna and the natural environment. The planning application wrongly states that a building on the site is "existing", but that is not strictly true. The structures referred to were delivered on trucks and they were off-loaded, they were craned or hoisted over the plot boundaries by mobile cranes, all within the last two years. The Planning Application Form has several incorrect statements or incorrect boxes ticked :

- Item 5 "Description of the proposal" the description inappropriately calls the use "residential garden area" but that can only apply to a residence, a place lived in. There is not a residence and should not be a residence. Also, the cutting down, clearance and destruction of woodland does not make nor mean, nor become a "residential garden area".
- Item 5 also, the statement : "change of use from existing outbuilding" is incorrect. The building referred to is NOT an existing building, it was only placed on that site without planning permission a year or two ago.
- Item 6 (i) "Land where contamination is expected" has been ticked "NO", but, the applicant should have ticked "YES".
- Item 6 (ii) "Proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination" has been ticked "NO", but, the applicant should have ticked "YES".
- Item 9 "Vehicle parking" has been ticked "NO", but, the applicant would use vehicles and would receive clients in vehicles and therefore should have ticked "YES".
- Item 12 a) "Biodiversity and geological conservation" "and priority species" has been ticked "NO", but, the applicant should have ticked "YES". All of the woods in Ashingdon have Bluebells and Snowdrops.
- Item 12 b) "Biodiversity and geological conservation" "Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features" has been ticked "NO", but, the applicant should have ticked "YES". All of the woods in Ashingdon including the very old woodland area of this planning application is very old, long established woodland with thousands of densely spaced trees, but also provides habitat for unique woodland flora and fauna including, birds, mammals, reptiles, Bluebells and Snowdrops.
- Item 13 "Foul sewage" has been ticked "Unknown", but the applicant would know the details of that matter and it should have ticked "SEPTIC TANK" or "CESS PIT" or perhaps a "treatment plant".
- Item 15 "Trade effluent" has been ticked "NO", but, the applicant have ticked "YES".
- Item 18 "Employment" has been ticked "NO", but, the applicant should have ticked "YES" because people would work there if the application were approved.

- Item 19 “Hours of opening” has been left BLANK, but, the applicant would know or would have a good idea of working hours, particularly because we are informed that the applicant operates another grooming business.
- Item 20 “Industrial or commercial processes” has been ticked “NO”, but, the applicant should have ticked “YES”. The proposed application is for “commerce” and it includes “processes”.
- Item 21 “Hazardous substances” has been ticked “NO”, but, the applicant should have ticked “YES”.

(ii) Application No: 21/00981/FUL
 Proposal: Gable front and rear extension with side and rear dormers and front roof lights , side ground and first floor extension, single storey rear extension with roof lantern and demolish existing garage.
 Location: 524 Ashingdon Road Ashingdon Essex SS4 3HZ
 No Objections

21/167 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman’s Signature

Dated