

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING Held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 27th July 2009

Present: Mr D Walker (Chair) Mr R Beeby
Mrs J Taylor Mr J Santoro
Mrs A Lovett Mr P Barker
Mr D Bunker

Mrs J Walker, Clerk, was also in attendance and six members of the public.

- 1. Apologies** - there were no apologies received.
- 2. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday 13th July were held over until the next full business meeting.
- 3. Open Discussion Time**
Discussion was entirely concerned with the planning application by Mr B Burton and as the Chairman had received copies of correspondence sent to RBC over the weekend from the members of the public who were present he asked the Clerk to read these out before inviting comments from the floor.

It was felt by the residents that the letters covered all points including a letter from Mr P Houghton, Chartered Town Planner, who had written on behalf of all the residents of The Old Engine Yard that nothing had really changed and the Appeal was correct. There was concern about a possible extension of the built-up area of Rempstone and clarification was requested on whether or not the properties at Dales Close had been built on land outside the village. If this were so, it was felt that a wider debate within the village should take place to establish whether or not this kind of wholesale development of the village was appropriate. The significance of this was that Rempstone Parish Council, unless they had had a change of heart, were possibly viewing Mr Burton's application as a special case and the Council were asked for answers to these questions.

4. Planning Issues

- (a) 09/01189/FUL and 09/01190/LBC Dr R Humphries, Gardeners Cottage, Ashby Road, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE12 6RG. Chimney to summer house for wood burning stove.

Councillors had previously visited the site and met with Dr Humphries. The chimney was to be constructed alongside a wall that is listed and attached to a listed house. As nobody had lodged any correspondence regarding this and as the summer house was in a remote rural setting Rempstone Parish Council declared a return to RBC not to object.

- (b) 09/01194/OUT Mr B Burton, Land Adjoining The Old Engine Yard, Wymeswold Road, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE12 6RN. Residential development.

The Chairman reiterated that this application had come before the Parish Council a year ago when they had supported it on a vote of 4:2. However it had been turned down by Rushcliffe Borough Council and subsequently also refused on Appeal. He did not see any reason why there should not be some development achieved with the right sensitive application.

Debate then took place amongst the Councillors and the following points were made:

- Why were there were rules for Dales Farm and not for The Old Engine Yard particularly as this was an Outline application only at this stage. It was felt that if the application went through that RBC would have a very high input into what went into the design of the properties.
- The documentation and the letters of objection made a strong case for why the application should not be supported irrespective of the fact that it was for an Outline planning application.
- The application should not have come up again particularly when referring to the document entitled Greater Nottingham Core Strategy that highlighted the six areas for main settlements within Cotgrave, Bingham, Ruddington, Keyworth, East Leake and Radcliffe but with some scope for a limited growth in some of Rushcliffe's smaller settlements.
- Mr Burton had lived in this area all his life and had never complained and the feeling was that it was a pity that his advisors had let him down on this occasion as the site could be developed more sensitively following the previous submission.
- Despite the fact that Mr Burton's agent felt that there was a change in planning policy that would affect the application this was not seen to be so.
- The point was made that the inference from the residents that the Council would consider treating Mr Burton's application as a special case was unjustified and that surprise was expressed that they felt the Council would do so.
- Although it was purported to be outside the village more integration would have liked to have been seen between the existing houses and the houses planned with a view to what is seen as a sustainable development.
- It was strongly felt that Mr Burton needed to find out from Rushcliffe Borough Council what would be a good way forward as the Councillors could only make a judgement on what was on the table in front of them.

A vote was taken with 3 Councillors in favour and 4 Councillors against resulting in a return to object by Rempstone Parish Council.

5. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 07 September 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____