

**ALMELEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.00pm in Almeley Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors: Liz Tucker (Chair), Bee Held, Martin Skyrme, Allan Payne and Barry Hall.

**In attendance:** Emma Thomas – Clerk

**Public:** 8

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllrs. James Edwards and John Hope.

**2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation**

None declared

**3. Open session**

**3.1 To receive views of local residents on parish matters**

The following matters were raised:

- Both Woonton road signs are now back in place. The clerk was thanked for her efforts in arranging this.
- Objections regarding planning application 184193 were raised – with the key points being drainage issues and the increase in building size from the previous application.
- Objections were also noted regarding application 184090. The lack of landscaping and screening of the new building was raised as significant. The application itself was also commented as being inaccurate as the building would be clearly visible from around the village
- There is a big log in one of the ditches by the Common – Cllr Payne AGREED to clear it.

*1 member of the public arrived.*

- One parishioner has obtained posters with details of police contacts on and will pass on for display on the notice board.

**4. Finance**

4.1 To consider the clerks salary – December

4.2 To consider the clerk's expenses - £44.16 previously circulated

4.3 To consider invoice from HALC for web hosting and domain name £66

4.4 To consider invoice from Village Hall for "Fun For Free" evening £18

4.5 To consider invoice from HMRC £442.80

It was RESOLVED to approve all of the above invoices for payment and the cheques were signed.

**5. Planning –**

**5.1 184090 - Bridge Farm, Almeley, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6LD**

Proposed cattle building

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:

- The application is incorrect in saying the building will not be seen. It will be visible throughout the village to the detriment of all.
- There has been a new building or extension on this site every year for the last few years now – it is an over-development of the site.
- The noise and light pollution will be over-bearing on residents.

It was RESOLVED to request that should the application be approved regardless then the following conditions must be put in place:

- Significant landscaping and screening put in place to minimise the impact of such a large building on the village as a whole.
- Minimal lighting to be used to minimise light pollution.
- Possible relocation of the building to the other side of the farm to be considered – where the impact on the community would be considerably smaller.



**5.2 184193 - Land at Hopleys Green Road, Woonton, Herefordshire**

Proposed erection of 3 detached cottages with garages (revised scheme 161919)

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:

- The issues with drainage had not been resolved – and would indeed be made worse by the increase in building size and number of bathrooms in each property.
- The drainage survey had taken place this past summer – which was the driest since 1976 and therefore not a true reflection of the drainage issues on the site.
- The buildings are on average 15-20% bigger than those in the previous application (161919). They could no longer be referred to as cottages but rather executive houses.

**5.3 180889 - Land adjacent Church Terrace, Almeley, Herefordshire, HR3 6LB**

Proposed erection of 2 detached dwellings with detached garages APPEAL

It was RESOLVED to make no further addition to the previous comment on this application

**5.4 183952 – The Brambles, Almeley, HR3 6LF**

Conversion of Existing Garage to Utility Room and Studio

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application

**6. To note date of next scheduled meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

NOTED

*The meeting closed at 19.45*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019