

RIPPINGALE VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

MINUTES for Monday 24th April at the Manor House

Present Mr Tim Bladon Mrs Heather Gadsby Mrs Gill Rippingale
 Mr Phil Rippingale Mr John Warman

Apologies Mr Mike Hallas

Meeting opened at 7:35 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Monday 5th June, 7:30pm at the Manor house

The minutes for last meeting on 23rd March 2006 were read and approved

MATTERS ARISING

Phil updated the meeting on communications with our local councillor Gerald Taylor. Phil is to re-email details of the 2 planning applications where no record was found of our submitted comments. The email will also include an extract from a report (No. LEG 0172, dated 8th August 2004) written by Mr Nick Goddard (Monitoring Officer), to the Development Control Committee with regard to the minuting of Planning Panel meetings. Extract is para 4.3 and is as follows; *"...to ensure that panel meetings are written up so that it is clear, not just what the outcome is but how it has been reached and this has already been addressed. A comprehensive Officer report sheet details observations received, recommendations made and the summary of the reason for approval/refusal"*

PLANNING MATTERS

Tim reported that LUPD have ignored our request for a deferral in the consideration period for 91 Station Street (Wellington Farm). A letter from Mr Shipman, acting Development Control Services Manager, dated 24th March indicates there was no statutory reason to 'stop the clock' on the applications. However, he had looked at documents *for the wrong application*. There was a further note that since Rippingale VDC was not a statutory consultee, the sending of applications might be ceased in favour of us downloading applications from the internet. The letter concludes by admitting that the department has failed to meet targets for responses to mail. Tim's reply dated 28th March detailed the correct applications we asked for deferral on. He also suggested that it would be better not to withdraw the sending of applications at this point as we are in the final stages of a complaint against SKDC regarding their treatment of our organisation.

Yew Tree Farm : A barn is being converted for housing following approval by SKDC and had several stipulations regarding development. These included how the developer should proceed if the existing fabric was found to be unstable and also a requirement to test for contamination of the land. Tim has emailed Miss Briggs as we can see no evidence that tests have been done. A wing of the barn has also been demolished. SKDC have requested a retrospective planning application.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Tim gave an update on his continuing dialogue with Ms Youles to set up a meeting with SKDC councillors and will chase this up.

Tim wrote to SKDC Councillor Sandall re the Bourne Local report on SKDC Planning Department.

CORRESPONDENCE None received

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- We have unfortunately received a letter of resignation from Lynne; Phil will reply to her.
- A recruitment drive is needed to fill the 2 committee vacancies. Heather has visited Carol and Steve of East Street following an informal approach in the Bull!

- Best Kept Village : We had not received a letter from the Parish Council prior to the meeting. (Please note it was received next day and Phil will reply to it.)
- John requested the electronic minutes for 26th January for the website.
- It was decided that we should update the text on our web page that explains the purpose and aims of our committee. This should also be inserted in the Parish Newsletter for the benefit of new residents.
- Meeting minutes will now be circulated in electronic form and a paper copy will be included on the back of the Agenda sheet for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm