

Parish Clerk/RFO: Elizabeth Gilkes

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Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm at The Wolfords Village Hall

1 **Present:** Cllr Lines (Chair), Hankinson and Crossland

**Apologies:** Cllrs Mathias, Lewis-Beeching and DC Whalley-Hoggins due to

prior engagements

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2. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**. Councillors are reminded that unless they have been granted a dispensation, if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or is in an interest of somebody with whom they are living as a husband or wife or as if they were civil partners, they may not participate in any discussion of or vote on the matter and must also leave the room for the duration of the matter. They must also disclose the interest if it has not yet been entered in the Authority's register (unless it is of a sensitive interest)

## 3 Planning

To consider all applications received and published on Stratford District Website to date of meeting. All applications considered against all relevant planning policies including Dark Skies status

## 24/00247/Ful Manor Farm, Great Wolford

The Applicant was present and explained reasoning behind the application. He emphasised that it would be a farm diversification and that the units would be comparatively small but would help maintain viability of the business, Members of the public present were concerned re increase in traffic on very narrow single track roads and particularly re pedestrian risk, The new farm track recently approved has removed the need for the majority of large vehicles to use this entrance. Potential usage of units was discussed and why existing farm buildings not being utilised, viability and situation if redundant. Potential harm to village environment through noise was also a concern and reassurance sought from applicant. The risk of setting a precedent for future applications was a concern

Councillors considered all the arguments and although generally supportive of diversification they were particularly concerned re HGV traffic implications. It was felt that B8 (Storage and Distribution) was highest risk factor. It was noted that Highways had not yet logged their report and any recommendations they might make.

Motion proposed by Cllr Hankinson and seconded by Cllr Crossland that Council support with Conditions re Use, Transport, External storage, removal of B8 Storage and Distribution and taking into account Highways Report.

Councillors voted and motion approved

## 23/01922/FUL Fox and Hounds

To confirm representation at SDC Planning Committee Meeting

David Morgan will be speaking on behalf of the Parish Council.

The recommendation report from SDC is to Grant the Application on basis of viability. Possibility of a legal challenge re fact that due process does not appear to have been carried out regarding potential purchasers as a Pub. The Committee Meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> and maximum attendance by supporters is sought.

4. **Little Wolford Bench –** to note current situation and agree action

Clerk updated re situation re broken memorial bench and she will attempt to contact the owner to advise that broken so can be removed or replaced