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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Wolfords Joint Parish Council held at The Wolfords Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th June 2025

Present: Cllr Lines, Mathias, Lewis-Beeching and Hankinson

Public: Nine

1. Apologies for Absence Councillor Crossland and CC Barker

- 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) None but Cllr Lewis-Beeching declared that he was a neighbour of the applicants.

- 3. Public Forum.** Members of the public are invited to address the Council. Each person may speak for three minutes to a maximum of 15 minutes

Reported that overgrown hedge close to Four Shires Stone was impeding visibility and noted that there have recently been accidents at junction with main road. Clerk asked to advise WCC Highways.

Residents of Little Wolford were appreciative of Green having been mown this year to enable area to be used recreationally but possibility of encompassing an area for No Mow May in future was mentioned.

4. Planning

To date of meeting all applications received and published on Stratford District Council website. All relevant planning policies to be taken into account including impact on Dark Skies.

25/01216/FUL Shirley Farm, Little Wolford

Minor alterations to existing residential outbuilding including removal of existing dormer, construction of two new dormers, new glazed openings and creation of outdoor swimming pool. Amalgamation of outbuilding and main house to form single residential dwelling.

The owners and advisers were present and explained the background to the application. They confirmed that their intention was to use the property for purely their own domestic purposes.

Firstly confirmed reason for amalgamating two buildings into one residential unit was solely to rationalise for rating purposes.

The removal of some skylights and upgrading of dormer windows can be regarded as a planning gain from Dark Sky perspective.

The swimming pool – no design details yet available so just the principle being applied for at present and size will be governed by tree roots, etc. Applicants confirmed that, as per the Tree Survey Report, the alterations will not require any trees to be felled. Query raised re disposal of water

Having considered all factors it was proposed by Cllr Lines and seconded by Cllr Mathias that a comment of No Objection be registered. Motion approved.