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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the **Planning Committee** meeting held on **Monday 23rd November 2020**, at 7.00pm. The meeting was held remotely using appropriate technology, in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came in to force on 4 April 2020.

Members Present

Clr Val Potheary (Chairman)	Clr Rupert Evill (Deputy Chairman)
Clr Barry von Clemens	Clr Paul Harris
Clr Sharon Cullingford	Clr John Kilcourse
Clr Alan Frith	Clr John Robinson
Clr Mike Gould	Clr Roger Weeks
Clr Dennis Griffin	

In Attendance

Town Clerk: Julie Hawkins
 Office Manager: Jill Ezzard

Press and Public

Press: Michael Streeter, Gillingham and Shaftesbury News; Gemma Gibson: The Vale Journal
 Public: There were 4 members of the public present

Minute No	
232.	To receive apologies for absence.
	Clr Wareham was unable to join the meeting due to technical difficulties.
233.	To receive declarations of interest. <u>Please note:</u> members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27, disclosable pecuniary interests.
	There were no pecuniary interests.
234.	To receive and consider planning applications, as follows:
a.	Application No: 2/2020/1266/FUL Proposal: Extend roof and form 2 No. dormers and install roof lights to provide additional room in roof space. Location: Milton Lodge Hotel, The Old Stables, Mapperton Hill to Milton-on-Stour Road, Milton-on-Stour, SP8 5QD

	It was agreed and RESOLVED to recommend approval of Application No. 2/2020/1266/FUL as the pitch of the roof will remain unaltered and the proposal will improve and enhance the property.
b.	Application No: 20/07643/FUL Proposal: Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 4 gypsy families. Laying of hardstanding, access improvements and erection of two amenity buildings. Location: Land at Jane Oaks Farm, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 6LH
	It was agreed and RESOLVED to recommend refusal of Application No. 20/07643/FUL for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed site is in an isolated and unsustainable location in the open countryside; • the application fails to provide an over-riding justification of need; • the site will not enable the provision of suitable accommodation from which the families can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure; • the increase in traffic along the narrow country roads will increase the danger to highway users; • the proposed use of land is of a scale that would have an adverse impact on its surroundings and the nearby settlement of Huntingford; • the proposal will result in the loss of a green-field site and the application fails to provide details of the availability of alternative sites in the area; • the proposal will cause harm to the character and appearance of the area; • the proposal will cause light pollution to a rural area, and • the application does not provide evidence to show that the benefits outweigh the harm.
235.	To receive matters pertinent to this meeting. <u>Please note:</u> Members are advised that inclusion of any item is at the Chairman's discretion and that a council cannot lawfully decide upon any matter which is not specified in the summons (agenda).
	There were no matters pertinent.
There being no other business on the agenda, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.	
Signed:	Date:
Chairman of Planning Committee, Cllr Val Pothecary	
PLEASE NOTE: These minutes appear as draft minutes until reviewed and ratified by Full Council.	