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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19th JULY 2016 AT 6.45 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: G Cameron (Chair), J Medland, B Hobbs, T Nicholson, C Fleury, G Kennett MBE. C Bray, D Eccles and V Lowthion.

ABSENT: Cllrs A Harris and B Hinton MBE.

Clerk: M J Mills

Members of the public 0

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs M Wheeler, A Bamford.

2. INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MAY HAVE IN THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:

None save that Cllr Eccles is a member of the Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee.

3. INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON A PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE AGENDA, AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION:

None present.

4. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th July having been circulated and agreed, be approved and signed.

5. Updates from last meeting and IWC Planning Decisions.

Approvals

P/00634/16 4 Aldermoor Terrace, Norton Green, Freshwater: Demolition of conservatory; single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation; alterations.

No objection.

6. Planning applications to be discussed (at time of sending out Notice):

P/00398/16, Hill Farm, Hill Lane, Freshwater: Re-construction of granary to include new roof and side extension; change of use to form community and educational room (revised description) (re-advertised)

No objection.

P/00399/16, Hill Farm, Hill Lane, Freshwater: LBC for alterations to reconstruct granary to include new roof and side extension (in association with change of use) (revised description) (re-advertised)

No objection.

P/00779/16 Hill Lodge, Pixley Hill, Freshwater: LBC for replacement roof and alterations to windows at first level on south elevation
No objection.

P/00852/16 2 Solent Hill, Freshwater: Demolition of conservatory; alterations; single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation
No objection.

P/00890/16 5 Braxton Meadow, Norton: Alterations and proposed single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation
No objection.

P/00913/16 5 Heathfield Farm House, Heathfield Road, Freshwater: Extension at first floor level to form additional bedroom.
No objection.

7. OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman had attended the last Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee (as had Cllr Eccles). Cllr Eccles had declared an interest in the Meadows application so was unable to speak. The Parish Council's views had been put across but the Committee had voted in favour of the application (outline planning permission). There had been talk of a housing needs survey. Cllr Eccles said there was nothing in the Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan about this and it was difficult to argue the point in the absence of a housing needs survey. Cllr Hobbs said that the Parish Council had originally been told that Isle of Wight Council were doing it.

Cllr Fleury said that professionals at Isle of Wight Council had told the Parish Council that it was not necessary.

Cllr Kennett suggested meeting with someone from Southern Housing.

Cllr Medland agreed and said that he intended to make this an issue at the next election.

Cllr Eccles said that the 2011 survey was now viewed by Isle of Wight Council as out of date. New 4 bedroom properties in his area were on the market for £595,000 and 2 had been sold as holiday homes.

Cllr Kennett suggested getting figures for those on housing benefit and on the waiting list. The housing association could be asked where they perceived shortages to be.

Resolved to write to the Head of Planning to ask for her guidance on how to go forward with a housing needs survey.

The Clerk pointed out that this was a sizeable undertaking and resources would need to be considered.

It was felt that the Neighbourhood Plan should go forward as it was without incorporating a housing needs survey.

Cllr Eccles said that there was a condition on the Meadows application that the agent was to discuss type of property with the local member and the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.