

LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting (Planning) held in The School Room, Church Street, Lopen 7 pm, Monday 6 April 2017

Present : N Jones (Chairman), S Crane, E Moore

In attendance : L Wilson, Parish Clerk. Members of the Public : 1

The meeting commenced at 7.06 pm.

150/17 Apologies were received from Councillors Christopher Le Hardy, Crispin Raikes and Adam Dance.

151/17 Interests to Declare : None

152/17 Dispensations : None

153/17 Planning Application Number 17/00879/FUL Mr Gary Coughlan, The Trading Post, The Old Filling Station, Lopenhead, South Petherton TA13 5JH: the Council considered the application for the erection of the marquee and use of the bus (retrospective), and the erection of two refrigerated storage units, and agreed and resolved to support the application with the following conditions:

1. That planning be for a temporary period of ten years, the same time period previously granted for the railway carriage already on site.
2. That the refrigerated units should be screened by planting and painted in muted colours to blend them into the environment .
3. That a suitable safety evaluation in relation to fire escapes and emergency exits should be undertaken and applied.
4. Satisfactory noise reduction measures taken to reduce sound levels from any generators or units serving the refrigerated units.
5. That parking arrangements are deemed adequate for the seating capacity.

154/17 Planning Application Number 17/01115/FUL Mr Paul Lindsay, Mendip View Farm, Old A303, Seavington St Michael, TA13 5JH : The Council considered the application for the erection of a two storey rear

extension and balcony and agreed and resolved that there were no objections to the application.

155/17 Planning Application Number 17/00928/FUL Mr N Bragg, Unit 2, Lopen Business Park, Mill Lane, Lopen, TA13 5JS : The Council considered the retrospective application for the siting of a boiler house and the new siting of a "welfare" unit. A number of complaints had been received from residents of the village with regard to the application and the manner of development of the Mill Lane site, almost invariably in the form of retrospective planning applications. Not limited to, but including the factors that there was very little information on the detail or proposed use of the welfare unit, the site had been in operation for many years without such a unit and in the absence of any justification for its necessity, the Council agreed and resolved that they could not support the application for either building.

156/17 The Government's White Paper on Housing "Fixing our broken housing market" : The Council discussed the Paper and the summary received via Civic Voice. It was agreed that it was beneficial to feed into the paper, and it was agreed and resolved that the Chairman would respond on behalf of the Council.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

Note: For the purpose of minute-taking, this meeting was recorded. This was announced by the Chairman prior to the meeting commencing