

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church Rooms, New Street on

Wednesday 10th August 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs R. Hufton, H. Fisher, R Mason, L Jolley, R. Hopkins, I McNulty, R Leonard and J Shepherd.

Open Forum: No resident was present

1. Declaration of interest: There were no declarations of interest

2. Apologies : apologies were received from The Clerk, Roger Wilkin and Cllr. J Welcher

3. Planning:

a) New applications:

i F/YR22/0766/F Erect a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling at 16 Primrose Hill, Doddington. Members supported this application

ii F/YR22/0828/F Erect a dwelling (2 storey 3 bed) at land south west of 27a, Wimblington Road, Doddington. Members supported this application

b) Revised proposal application, details previously supplied:

i F/YR21/1072/FDC Erect 47 dwellings with associated garages parking and landscaping, involving the demolition of existing agricultural building and garage to 44 Bevills Close, land east of Bevills Close and North of Eastmoor Lane, Doddington . Members considered the revised plans and concluded that they do not appear to help the vast number of objections that the original application generated and would submit that our main concerns have always been regarding the access to the site via the quiet residential streets of the historic heart of the village, through Church Lane, Eastalls Close and Bevills Close. This issue has not been addressed. We reiterate our comments passed at the last revision in May 2022.

c) To discuss options on the possible development of land north of 10, Primrose Hill, Doddington

Members discussed proposals both for and against this project. Consensus was that we continue to progress conversations with the Owners and the agent.

d) Local Plan/Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair explained the timeline for public consultation of the proposed emerging local plan, and that we have time now to look at the current proposals and set out our thoughts on them. It was noted that if the current proposals go ahead, Doddington would take some 344 new houses between 2024 and 2040 and that our chance was to look at proposals for siting these and agree on size of development, size and type of housing stock and location. We could suggest other sites for development where we

feel that the proposals were not suitable for the village. We can fight the number being asked of us, comparing it with other like sized villages. We can ensure that heritage sites, important views and green space are left intact and that the conservation area is retained. The Chair and Cllr. Hopkins explained that this was the primary reason for the Neighbourhood Plan going ahead and asked that members explain this to friends and neighbours to see if we can interest some more residents in joining the NP group.

4. Abbey Recreation Ground

Members discussed the results of the meeting with FDC and Playdale, called by Doddington PC because of concerns regarding the safety of children playing on the site and the suitability of the Safagrass option. At this meeting three options for the flooring under the new play items were offered. These were

A full safagrass (a derivative of grasscrete) option which would cost £45k,

A half Safagrass, half rubber mulch option which would cost £50,500

A full rubber mulch option, costing £54k.

There was a rider that, should we allow use of the pavillion for toilets and drinks during the build, £2k could be knocked off the price required from the PC. The Chair will discuss this with BAFC

Members expressed their support for the Parish Council subsidising the FDC budget in order to obtain a better flooring but suggested that, rather than spending £3k for the second option, we spend £7k and have the whole site the same.

The Chair will ask for a quotation from Playdale to be forwarded, once permission has been obtained from BAFC, and will inform Simon Bell of our decision, in the absence of The Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm