

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Sound & District Council

held on Thursday 4th March 2021

at 7.00 p.m.

Present: D. Tomlinson (Chairman), A.G. Lawrence (Clerk), Mrs E. Hollinshead, M. Hartland, Ms. H. Paterson, P. Griffiths, Mrs JR Park, F. Wright, R. Blackburn, Ms N. Watson, Clr. RA Bailey and two members of the public.

1. Apologies: Mrs R. Ruscoe
2. Declaration of Interest – if a member is present at a meeting of the authority, and they have a disclosable pecuniary in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, they cannot take part in any discussion of the matter at the meeting or vote on it. They should disclose the interest to the meeting and follow the Council's Code of Conduct.
3. Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting held 26th January 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record on the prop., Mrs J.R. Park, sec., F. Wright.
4. Matters arising from last minutes
5. Planning Applications:
 - I. Results of previous applications none
 - II. Applications/Planning Matters before this meeting

a.

Application No: **21/0670N**
Proposal: **Removal of condition 9 (allowed use) on application 12/3106N -
Erection of 3-Bed Dormer Bungalow for Wheelchair User and Family**
Location: **Ravens Barn, CHAPEL LANE, BADDILEY, CW5 8PT**
National Grid Ref: **361850.4958 350680.6466**

After much discussion, on the prop., D. Tomlinson, sec., Ms N. Watson the clerk was asked to send the following:- the Parish Council understand the need for a sympathetic consideration of the application, and ask that the application be taken to Committee who will be able to make a considered decision based on associated policy.

b.

Application No: **21/0496N**
Proposal: **Construction of agricultural building for the cubicle housing of
livestock**
Location: **BROOKHOUSE FARM, COOLE LANE, AUSTERSON, NANTWICH, CW5 8AB**
National Grid Ref: **365013.2652 350401.4781**

On the prop., R. Blackburn, sec., D. Tomlinson it was unanimously agreed to support the application.

III Any other applications received from the date of this notice

Ms N. Watson reported to the meeting the following matter:-

"Rumours are going around as to what is happening at Red Lion (Suddenstrike).

What has happened is that Suddenstrike has bought a small old concreted area at the back right of his premises (as you look at it) from Hill Farm, and a strip of field from there down to Sandy Lane (to make a straight line). This piece of land has been used by businesses on the Red Lion site for decades, but not actually owned by them, so Suddenstrike asked if they could buy it and make it official. I think it was where Turners used to have their muck heap.

He will use the concrete as hardcore for his business, then tidy up the area.

He has removed the hedge temporarily and metal fenced it off. He will be putting a gate there to give access to the forecourt, and replanting the hedge with species approved by Natural England, as per their email to him.

I have seen all the paperwork from Mark the ranger, Cheshire East Council and Natural England all saying it is perfectly ok to go ahead as this is not common land.

The trench that was dug down the access road to the Red Lion was for electricity to make the gate auto opening. This was after he requested a visit from Health and Safety regarding any Covid risk at the business. They said that one of his biggest risk areas was the barrier being handled by many pairs of hands, so electronic opening was best.

Natural England said digging the trench (for the cable) was fine as long as the access track was not widened, which it has not been. The entrance to the track from Sound Lane has not been widened, but just scraped of brambles and is shortly to be replanted with grass and native plants. Again I have seen the paperwork saying NE are more than happy for him to maintain the access road as they have no funds to do so".

IV. Neighbourhood Plan:- 'Confirmation of the area covered by the Sound and Broomhall Neighbourhood Plan'

Mrs E. Hollinshead reported that the matter had been raised in relation to planning issues on Coole Lane, with the question as to whether tourism in this area could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The options would be:-

1. Include Coole Lane and Austerson in the Neighbourhood Plan, but this would mean applying to CE to extend the area, and a further consultation period.
2. Coole Lane and Austerson do their own Neighbourhood Plan. It does not appear feasible for two plans to exist within one overall Parish – Clerk to ask CHALC their opinion.
3. Continue with the current plan which is currently awaiting Reg14.

On the prop., Mrs E. Hollinshead, sec., Ms N. Watson it was unanimously agreed to complete the current plan (option 3) and then perhaps extend further in the future.

Clr R. Bailey thanked the parish Council for their consideration of the matter.

6. Next Meeting of Parish Council – end of March

Meeting closed