

Minutes

of the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting held on

Wednesday 26 July 2023, at 7pm, in the Parish Room.

Present: Councillors Chris Button, Ian Duffy, Vinny Hall, Martin Hoffman, Graham Lee (Chair), Norton Mahy (Vice Chair) and David Sims.

Also in attendance: Clerk (Jane Porter), two members of the public were present and one joined on Zoom.

Following a request from a parishioner the meeting was recorded.

- 1 **Apologies.** To receive and accept apologies for absence.

None received.

- 2 **Interests.** a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda, b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests, and c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

None received.

- 3 **NHC Planning Officer's consultation on the amended proposals for planning application -** Land West Of Ashwell Road, Bygrave, Hertfordshire, SG7 5EB
NHC reference: 22/00741/FP

Full Planning Permission: Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm including battery energy storage; continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure, security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works (as amended).

- 3.1 To note the previous objection to the NHC Planning Officer (minutes January council 2023 69.1.1 and May council 2022 11.8). This was noted.
- 3.2 To note comments posted on the NHC website in relation to the amended proposals. This was noted.
- 3.3 To receive any comments from parishioners on the amendments. It was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended. Two comments were received from a parishioner.
- 3.4 To note the information compiled and circulated to other councillors by a previous member to inform the discussion and decision. This was noted.

3.5 To agree a response to the NHC Planning Officer on the amended proposals.

A proposal was made and seconded that an objection be made on the following grounds:

- To underline the concerns of the Herts Highways Officer made in their report, ie serious concerns re the access from Ashwell Road and issues around the route from the A507 and that no decision should be made until these matters were sorted.
- To support the concerns in the Landscape visual assessment report that matters remained unsatisfactory particularly in relation to the north boundary and that these should be addressed.
- Clarification to be given on concerns re light pollution both in relation to works time caps and security lighting that might be extant outside of this.
- Reiteration of the concerns that the proposed use is in conflict with the existing grade 2 agricultural use.

It was resolved that the above response be made.

Action: Clerk

Meeting closed: 7.20pm

Clerk: Jane Porter

Signed

Date