

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Planning Committee Held on Monday 18th January 2016 in the Jubilee Hall

Consulted: Cllrs. Mike Webb (MW) (Chair), Alison Peters (AP), Marcus Fry (MF), Paul Caddick (PC), Steve Blick (SB).

Graham Smith (Clerk)

1. Apologies accepted for absence

Steve McMillan (SM).

2. Public Participation

28 Members of the Public attended the meeting

3. Planning Applications

The public meeting relates to the proposed construction of a crematorium located at Thornbury Hill (South side).

Chair of residents group "CRAG" addressed Cllrs & floor.

This development was deemed as inappropriate for the following three main reasons.

1. Development is located within Greenbelt. (Cemeteries are permitted within greenbelt but crematorium are not and therefore exceptional circumstances need to be proven).
2. Traffic (Thornbury Rd is exceptionally busy and a SGC survey suggests that between the hours of 10AM and 4PM 8100 cars used the road. Tractors, Cycling, Dustbin lorries cause tailbacks as will funeral processions).
3. Cremation act (legal issues). – Statute states (Crematorium act 1902) that building cannot take place within 200 yards of another building. The proposed site is too narrow for this to comply.

MP Luke Hall campaigned against inappropriate development and industrialisation and supports CRAG and CRAG requests that Alveston Parish Council also support them.

Resident addressed the floor concerned with the proposed entry and exit points of the development and should these points include Down Rd / Quarry Rd the whole of the centre of Alveston will be affected.

Resident addressed the floor stating that he was in favour of the development as it was a much needed facility for the local area as the wait for a cremation at other facilities was as long as 4-5 weeks. The crematorium will not make the traffic situation worse and would welcome anything that would slow the speed of traffic coming down the hill.

Resident addressed the floor stating that this was a commercial venture and will serve a requirement which reaches further than Alveston and Thornbury and as the building of houses increases within the area so will the demand for the crematorium.

Resident addressed the floor who is a local business manager who is in favour of the Crematorium as it would boost the local economy.

CRAG emphasised that it is not against the building of a Crematorium but NOT on the land / location proposed.

Resident stated that 1993/94 a proposal for a crematorium had been objected to at that time.

Emergency services and school traffic should be considered and that if the exit is to be left turn only cars will turn round in the Sports Centre and travel back up the hill.

Resident stated that accidents occur on the Thornbury Road and safety is the priority when consideration is made to any development which will increase road usage.

Resident was concerned that by building a crematorium would prevent the ability to extend the Alveston Cemetery in the future.

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None

6. Declaration of Interests

None

7. Planning Applications

PT15/5521/F	The Gables Costers Close Alveston	Demolition of existing industrial building and dwelling. Erection of 10no. Dwellings with alteration to access, parking and associated works.
PT16/0030/F	Yew Tree House Down Road Alveston	Erection of two storey side and rear extension to provide additional living accommodation and single storey link extension from house to garage.
PT16/0063/F	Elm Lea Forty Acre Lane Alveston	Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension and erection of 1no side dormer, 1no rear dormer and 1no front dormer to provide additional living

Concerns were raised amongst Cllrs relating to the continued parking issues within the Quarry Road area and it was felt that this application would exasperate the issues. Further development had already been approved within the area despite concerns being raised by the Parish council on numerous occasions over parking and (PC) recommended that the set criteria for parking should be challenged as it relates to this application.(AP) agreed that the development of 10 dwellings were too many for the allocated and that this would be storing up further parking issues in future years.

15237 Resolved: The planning committee object to PT15/5521/F on the grounds of over-development adding to existing parking issues.

15238 Resolved: The planning committee have no objections to PT16/0030/F.

15239 Resolved: The planning committee have no objections to PT16/0063/F.

8. Planning Permissions Granted

None

9. Planning Permissions Refused

None

10. Applications Withdrawn

None

11. Notice of appeal (Secretary of State)

None

12. Representation at Planning Meetings.

None

13. Appeal decisions

None

14. Enforcement Investigation.

None

15. Licence Application

None

16. Any Other Business

None

Meeting Closed 19.25PM

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is on 8th February 2016 at 19.00pm