

## **WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council Planning Committee** that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2015** that commenced at **6.30pm** when the following business was transacted

**Present:** Cllr N Harrison (Chairman), Cllr T Thake, and Cllr R Webber

**Parish Clerk:** Tony Jay

A large number of members of the public attended the meeting, and they were given the opportunity to air their views on planning application 51/15/00030/STP. These are summarised in the resolution contained in minute 40/15.

**37/15: To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bingham.

**38/15: To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda**

There were no declarations received.

**39/15: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded**

**Resolved** - To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting (Unanimous)

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**40/15: To consider the following planning applications**

51/15/00030/STP. Land to the west of Naples View, Wembdon TA6 3SU. Erection of a nurseys and alteration of access thereto.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded**

**Resolved** – Not to support this planning application on the following grounds (Unanimous):

Signature of Chairman

1. **Traffic generation and road safety.** Naples View, and its surrounding roads have severe parking problems at present, with many vehicles parking on pavements which causes pedestrians to walk in the road, which is unsafe. An increase in vehicular traffic along these roads to attend a nursery would make these problems far worse, and the area would become gridlocked at peak times. The access to this estate is from Homberg Way, which is extremely busy at peak times. The area could not cope with the increased volume of traffic entering and leaving the estate. Access to the nursery would be over a small bridge over a rhyne, which was built to accommodate occasional farm vehicles, not for large scale usage. The whole area, including the bridge, could not cope with the construction traffic which would be coming and going from the building site. Delivery vehicles would be visiting the nursery every day. Emergency vehicles currently have great difficulty entering and leaving the estate, which causes health and safety dangers. Extra vehicles using the estate would increase the risk of these dangers. There is insufficient parking planned for nursery staff, which would cause extra street parking.
2. **Effect on the landscape.** This area is currently open fields, where many wildlife species live, including protected species. These fields are known to flood in times of heavy rainfall, and the neighbouring rhyne runs very high and quickly. A new building on the field would cause extra flooding, as the soakaway capability of the field would be reduced greatly.
3. **The impact upon the character and appearance of the area.** When the housing estate was built new residents were told that they would be able to enjoy using the neighbouring open fields. If building work was allowed to take place on these fields then that facility would be lost.
4. **Environmental issues.** A nursery would generate a large amount of noise, especially which children are playing outside, having a considerable impact of neighbouring properties. Cars visiting the nursery would cause noise and light pollution, starting before 8.00am. Noise will arise from vehicles reversing, parking etc. in the street and the car park.

**The meeting closed at 7.00pm**

Signature of Chairman