



WISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Planning Sub-Committee Meeting 7.00pm, Wednesday, 3rd April 2024, via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Cllr Garner (Chair), Cllr Leppard, Cllr Nash, Cllr Page
Apologies: None
Clerk: Matthew Thomas
Members of the public: Mr J Luckin

- 24.01** To record declarations of interest from Members in any item to be discussed: Cllr Page stated that he was the brother-in-law of the applicant but that he had no financial interest in the application under consideration.
- 24.02** The purpose of the meeting was to consider planning application DC/24/0157 Abbott's Shed Hole Street Wiston West Sussex.
- 24.03** Cllr Garner noted that the Parish Council had previously made no comment on a similar application (DC/23/1328) but at that time Councillors were not fully aware of the implications of the proposed development. He noted that the application had subsequently been withdrawn because it had been found to be inaccurate.
- 24.04** Cllr Nash reported that she had been approached by several local residents who wished to object to the proposal. Concerns raised included unpleasant odours in summer and frequent traffic movements. However Cllr Nash noted that few objectors had subsequently submitted their objections in writing to the District Council.
- 24.05** Cllr Page reported that the development had been operating at Hole Street Farm in Wiston Parish for five or six years without any issues of note being raised and that the proposed new location was barely visible behind a roadside hedgerow. Cllr Page further considered that the

Parish Council should take steps to encourage small businesses and farm diversification within the Wiston Parish.

- 24.06 Mr Luckin reported that the previous location of the development had been industrial whereas the proposal involved the development of a greenfield site.
- 24.07 Cllr Garner proposed a vote on a motion that the Parish Council OBJECTS to the application because of a loss of amenity to local residents. The motion was subsequently carried, with Councillors Garner, Nash and Leppard in favour and Cllr Page objecting*.
- 24.08 Cllr Nash requested that the comments made by the Parish Council should include a recommendation that the application be considered by the District Council Planning Committee, in order to ensure adequate representation of local views. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at: 19.35

Signed:  Date: 8 May 2024
Chairman.

*** Please note that under Paragraph 14 of the Code of Members' Conduct 2012 (reproduced below), Cllr Page should have been excused from voting at the meeting. The motion to OBJECT to the planning application should therefore be recorded as being carried unanimously:**

14. Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to a financial interest of a friend, relative or close associate (other than an interest of a person in Appendix A), the member shall disclose the nature of the interest and not vote on the matter. He/she may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. If it is a 'sensitive interest' the member shall declare the interest but not the nature of the interest.