

Minutes of Farndon Parish Council held on Thursday, 2nd February 2017 at 6.30pm in the Parish Council Room

Present: **Councillor M Baker, in the Chair**
 Councillor A Duckmanton
 Councillor Mrs J Gafney
 Councillor I Millner
 Councillor M Oldham
 Councillor J Teixeira-Gomes

Also in attendance: 7 members of the public

FPC16-085 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Bayne.

FPC16-086 Declarations of interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

FPC16-087 Minutes of the Parish Council – 23rd January 2017

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 23rd January 2017 be circulated to Members for ratification at the 27th February meeting.

FPC16-088 Planning Applications

The Chair referred to the three applications that had been received to develop areas where there were garages/parking spaces on Almond Grove and The Willows.

These were:

16/02168/FUL - Garage Units Adjacent 15-17 Almond Grove, Farndon - Demolition of garages and erection of 1 No. 2 bed bungalow

16/02174/FUL - Garage Court Adjacent 4-8 The Willows, Farndon - Erection of two dwellings

17/00042/FUL - Garage Courts Adjacent 27 - 29 Almond Grove, Farndon- Demolition of garage court and the development of 2 No. 2 bed dwellinghouse

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow members of the public present to express their views and any concerns. Among the concerns expressed were

- the loss of the established garage wall as a boundary
- the proposal to replace the garage wall with a fence, rather than like for like it was understood there was a waiting list for garages and once established ones such as these were lost they would not be replaced
- the impact on loss of privacy of neighbouring properties where two storey dwellings were proposed

- impact on the surrounding streets with on-street parking which already suffered badly

The Chair thanked the members of public for expressing their views and concerns and reconvened the meeting at 6.55pm.

Members then considered the applications that were before them.

After discussion, and taking into account the impact that the developments could have on the village as a whole, Councillor Baker proposed, seconded by Councillor Oldham, that all three applications needed to be considered as a whole and that objection should be raised to all three as follows:

1. to close the garages and remove from use will cause a huge impact on the surrounding narrow streets which already suffer from on-street parking on both sides of the carriageway. Closure of the garages will force more cars to park on the street and impact on highway safety by potentially restricting access by emergency vehicles and the local bus service. The village has already had one service removed from this route because of the inability to negotiate it due to parked vehicles narrowing the route.
2. the proposed two storey properties put forward for 27-29 Almond Grove and The Willows, will impact on neighbouring properties by overlooking/loss of privacy and will impact on their visual amenity. If the developments are permitted, contrary to the views of the Parish Council, then the properties should be amended to bungalows to mitigate this impact.

FPC16-089 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 27th February 2017

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.