

MINUTES OF an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 14 November 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Community Centre.

Present:

Members: Cllrs L. Rowden-Allen (Chairman), L. Cox, B. Allen, W Parrett, N. McDonald, M George.

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Armstrong, Cllr O'Donnell and Cllr Baker.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contributions.

Residents of Yew Tree Way presented their objections to the latest amendments to planning application 19/00131/FUL, development on land adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way:

1. The proposed small reduction in height of the houses would make no difference to the loss of visual amenity of the trees which were described in the 2013 TPO as having good aesthetic quality. The new building would still be larger than any of the detached houses.
2. A 6'x4' shed would not provide sufficient storage for a large 3 bedroom house and future pressure for garages would erode the woodland even further, contrary to the District Council's campaign to increase the number of trees.
3. Soakaways for surface water are located on the proposed building site; how would they be re-located?
4. The hammer head turning point was not designed for more housing at the end of the cul-de-sac.
5. Residents would like to have a meeting with the Council Leader, David Lloyd to make him aware of the threat to protected trees. They felt that there had been a lack of communication by the Planning Office.

4. Amended Planning Application 19/00131/FUL – Land Adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way.

Cllrs agreed with the comments of the residents. Nothing had been done to address the previous objections concerning access, safety and the protection of trees. A minor reduction of 0.7m in the height of the two houses was of no significance in preserving the character of the area. The building would still be larger than all the other houses and still obliterate the public view of protected woodland. The original development plan purposely left the site vacant in order to preserve the open woodland character of the estate and provide access and ample turning space for vehicles. The addition of sheds acknowledged the need to provide storage and applications for garages would be likely to follow, resulting in further loss of trees. In view of recent heavy rainfall and flooding, Cllrs were particularly concerned about future provision of soakaways.

By a majority of 5 with one abstention, Cllrs voted to object to the amended plans and to request a meeting of Councillors and Yew Tree Way residents with the District Council Leader David Lloyd to bring the destruction of protected woodland to his attention.

The meeting closed at 6:30pm