

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary meeting of Cradley Parish Council Planning Committee held on 15th December 2016 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

Present - Cllrs. C. Lowder, K. Nason, D. Scully and C. Lambert.

Also present were Mr. Nigel Jones, Mr. R. Brandon and the Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend the planning meeting was received and approved from W. Harries.

No declarations of interest in the item on the Agenda were received.

Agenda item

Planning application No. 163642 - Nos. 13/38 The Leys - replacement of existing bin storage areas. Replacement of communal paths and new car parking area - Following discussion the Council proposed and agreed the following response having also taken into consideration the comments from two residents at The Leys who were in attendance -


We cannot support this proposal and object to it in its present form, as follows -

- The proposal will remove open amenity green space to the flats thereby urbanising and not enhancing but degrading the immediate dwellings.
- It is in direct conflict with the Parish NDP now at Regulation 16.
- The design submitted, to solve a perceived problem, is unimaginative and destructive to the area.
- In our opinion the utilisation of the outdated underused existing garage area would accommodate the desired parking needs and the Council feel that the bin stores could be accommodated at the gable ends of each block of flats thereby removing them from residents view. Using this area would in fact meet with NDP requirements for use of "brownfield sites" in preference to new ones.
- No consultation has been held with residents, just a meeting to tell them what has happening which does not meet the required consultation requirements of such a development.

The above response was agreed by both F. Beard and G. Fielding who attended the meeting.

All other Parish Councillors, other than those attending, had apologised that they were unable to attend the Extra Ordinary Meeting.

It was suggested that both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council should attempt to hold a site meeting with representatives from Fortis Housing to discuss their application and put forward alternative recommendations to them.

Signed.......... Dated..... 16 SEP 17

Chairman.