

08/09/94 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser (in the Chair), Chilcott, Mackay and Westmaas.

08/09/95 **ALSO PRESENT:** 23 members of the public

08/09/96 **APOLOGIES:** apologies received from Cllr Gould were accepted.

08/09/97 **IN ATTENDANCE** Clerk to the Council

08/09/98 **MINUTES** of last meeting were confirmed and signed.

08/09/99 **DECLARATIONS** of interest on agenda items: none declared.

08/09/100 **PLANNING**

- a. 14/08/00015/DRT - Erection of helical wind turbine with 9m mast at Court Barn, Brook Lane - The applicant was allowed to speak prior to the start of the debate and answered questions put later. Following discussion it was agreed to object to this application on the grounds of impact on wildlife, noise pollution, visibility and the affect on the local scene. It was feared that noise would be present for 24 hours per day and that there were some dwellings quite close. It was also noted that the silage bales referred to would not be a permanent feature and that the farm is not very active on this site and the level of noise emanating from it is therefore quite limited. It was noted that Catcott Parish Council has no real knowledge of wind turbines, that the data presented to the meeting was insufficient for the Council to decide accurately on the affects such development might have on the locality. The large number of Catcott residents present at the meeting overwhelmingly concurred with the Parish Council's decision when asked to indicate their views.
- b. 14/08/00016/DRT - Installation of 15m high wind turbine at Catcott Primary School - A great deal more data and potentially useful information was provided with this application. It was noted that this is a much larger structure than that of the previous application. The applicants' representatives were allowed to speak and answered questions put to them. It was noted that the structure would be highly visible from many points within the village including from several of the popular village footpaths. Councillors regretted the fact that they had not been able to visit the Charterhouse site where there is a similar structure. This would have enabled a more realistic view to be taken of the application. Whilst the aims of the School were applauded it was felt that a wind turbine was not the best approach and that such structures in general were out of place in such a small village. Again, it was feared that there would be noise 24 hours per day and there are some houses close to the site. It was noted that someone had run background monitoring tests last week from one location but the results are not know. There were no tests in any other parts of the village. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of impact on wildlife including birds, noise pollution, visibility and the affect on the local scene. The Council regretted that it had so little knowledge of wind turbines. The large number of Catcott residents present at the meeting overwhelmingly supported the Parish Council's decision when asked to indicate their views.
- c. 14/08/00017/STH - Erection of 4 dwellings and partial demolition of No.4 King William Road - land to rear of 2 & 4 King William Road - This outline application is objected to on the following grounds. Traffic generation - 4 dwellings will mean 8 additional cars. Road safety - the removal of a natural traffic calming measure will significantly reduce road safety. Street scene - the removal of a large portion of the old house will significantly and detrimentally alter the street scene contrary to B3 (p.20 Catcott VDS) requires the street scene to be maintained. There is inadequate turning provision on site and this is likely to result in parking elsewhere. There was concern about the overlooking of Nos.2&4 King William Road. It was noted that the visibility going up King William Road would not be improved. It was noted that the diagram provided is misleading. No visibility splay is provided. Increased storm water run off is inevitable and there is already inadequate infrastructure in King William Road to support this (re our numerous complaints to Highways of flooding at the bottom of the hill).
- d. 14/08/00010 - Erection of 2 storey extension at Cypress Cottage - This application is objected to on the grounds of traffic generation and road safety. Steel Lane is not wide enough and not capable of absorbing more vehicles. There is likely to be a detrimental impact on the neighbours on the West elevation. These plans greatly increase the size of the original property, almost doubling it. There is no vehicular turning space and the residents already park in the road. Catcott Parish Council already receives regular complaints about parked cars in Steel Lane causing congestion and blocking traffic. (There is an additional safety problem here with regard to emergency vehicles.)
- e. Any updates on previous applications
  - i. Appeal hearing re Gypsy site at Catcott Broad Drove - 21/10/08 The Princess Hall, Princess Street, Burnham-on-Sea for 2 days - Cllr Gould would attend. Clerk has collated documents for her.
  - ii. 14/08/00009/DRT - Erection of dwelling etc on land to South of 2 Weares Lane - granted
  - iii. 14/08/00011 - Display of replacement signs at King William Inn - special (granted)
  - iv. 14/08/00012/LE - Listed building - display of signs at King William Inn - granted
  - v. 14/08/00013/LE - Control of Advertisements - King William Inn - granted
  - vi. 14/08/00014/LE - Change of use of agricultural buildings and yard to industrial storage and relocation of access at Rose Park, Scotts Lane - refused

08/09/101 **HIGHWAYS**

- a. Any updates on previous problems - Cllr Westmaas will take photo of the Steel Lane pothole for forwarding to Highways. Still concern regarding King William Road drains and coming winter. Clerk to check latest on this and chase up as necessary. Steel Lane drains had a root mass which has been cleared. A service provider has also put a pole up in the wrong place, blocking the drain.
- b. Highways - Customer feedback Survey - completed at the meeting.
- c. Speed watch - forms were given to volunteers to complete. More volunteers required. One volunteer to attend training tomorrow.
- d. Problems arising - Clerk to chase reinstatement of verges in Old School Lane.
- e. Any other highway matters - Leaflet on driver awareness courses put for circulation.

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- 08/09/102 **CLUSTER MEETING REPORT AND A39 ACTION/MEETING REQUESTED WITH HIGHWAYS:** Cllrs Mackay and Chilcott had attended Cluster meeting. Cllr Mackay outlined what had taken place to date. No Highways representatives had been present but Police had attended. Police had no statistics regarding the road as dangerous and therefore the speed was never monitored as it had not been regarded as necessary. The Police have no liaison with the Safety Camera Partnership. Following discussion it was agreed to prepare a summary of the actions to date; prepare a letter to be copied and provided to households to send to SCC and MP (hopefully to arrive at the same time); involve the press in the campaign. It was noted that the A39 is now a Red Route and has been given priority over the A38.
- 08/09/103 **EMERGENCY PLANNING** - because of time constraints this would be left until the next meeting.
- 08/09/104 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** It was noted that the School footpath gate opens the wrong way with regard to dogs. Footpath in Edington has been ploughed.
- 08/09/105 **FINANCE**
  - a. Cheques for signature - Chq.062 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £289.58
  - b. Matthew Adams rates for coming year - Council agreed to accept Mr Adams' rate of £10/hour for 2009
- 08/09/106 **SDC, SCC, CPRE, SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL** - SALC envelope including Freedom of Information; Community Safety Newsletter.
- 08/09/107 **NOMINATIONS FOR SDC STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** no nominations.
- 08/09/108 **SDC BULBS AND SURVEY:** Clerk to request bulbs.
- 08/09/109 **DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES SURVEY:** to be circulated
- 08/09/110 **COUNCIL QUESTION TIME** - 15/10/08 Bridgwater Town Hall 6pm-8pm. Cllr Mackay to attend and ask questions regarding the A39 safety issues and lack of response.
- 08/09/111 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Mr John Rigler will attend and speak on the Edington and District History Group; Letter from Land Registry.
- 08/09/112 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008

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