

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee of the Hatch Beauchamp Parish held at the Village Hall on Friday 8th April 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Ms Scott (Chair), Mrs Walton, Mr Comer, Mr O'Dell, Mrs Fowler, Ms Handel plus one member of the public

In Attendance: Helen Chadwick (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. To consider the following planning applications:

3.1 Case Ref: 19/22/0004

Proposal: Replacement of agricultural storage building and erection of a second storage building at Close Farm, Mill Lane, Hatch Beauchamp (retention of part works already undertaken)

The following observations were made:

The application concerns Close Farm not Close House so why does the application include land in the ownership of both properties, it appears this may overstate the size of the Close Farm site.

When asked to provide info of the existing and proposed number of on site parking spaces and vehicle type, the application states " 5 cars spaces already existing, " councillors note that it is not clear whether these are Close Farm or Close House.

On page 4 of the planning application it says that the agricultural buildings are required for the housing of agricultural machinery for the current working smallholding farm. On page 9 it states "proposed development is considered essential to enable the farm enterprise to expand and continue to be an efficient and viable operation". It is observed by the Council that there is no observable agricultural operation on this site, there are no livestock or crops currently, and in recent years there has never to the best of the Councillors knowledge, been any farming on this site. Thus we observe that the application is inaccurate in this regard.

Councillors are unsure whether all the land in question is currently classed as agricultural.

We note from the application that the proposed buildings are not intended for livestock housing and that there are no existing buildings suitable for housing livestock on the site.

In the planning application document, it refers on page 8 to "an existing agricultural entrance off Stewley Road, a single grassed carriage way lane", This access is marked on the plan in red. On page 8 it states that this " is currently used during typical operation of Close House and Close Farm when vehicles are driven to and from the original agricultural stores" The council noted that there is no such single grass carriageway lane, and that the access marked has never been seen to be in use other than in the recent works to

demolish a building, when vehicles were driven across the field from the gate on Stewley road. The council observes that creation of a new access road across the field should be considered as a separate application.

It is noted that one of the two original agricultural stores has been derelict for many years.

Also would like to point out that the site notice has been placed on private property and therefore cannot be seen by the public without the risk of trespass, it is some 30 metres from the public road.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

To be signed by the Chair of the Planning Committee at the next meeting (date to be confirmed).

The minutes reflect an accurate record of events subject to any amendments listed below.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

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