

At an extra-ordinary Planning meeting held on 2nd February, 2017

Application No. 16/05871/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to land for the siting of six timber holiday lodges with parking areas, mini sewage treatment plant and associated tree planting at Billingsley Park Lodges Billingsley Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 6PF

Present Mr.P.Hand (Chairman), Mr.P.Ravenhill, Mr.A.Johnson, Mrs.S.Yates and 15 members of the general public
Apologies Mr.H.Lane, Mr.I.Smith and Cllr.R.Tindall

The meeting was called to discuss Planning Application 16/05871/FUL.

The Chairman opened the public meeting and declared a personal interest in the application - he would therefore withdraw before the Parish Council Meeting commenced. Members of the public were then invited to speak for or against the proposals.

It was pointed out that approval for an extra 6 lodges would set a precedent for even more expansion in the future. It was also questionable whether or not the conditions attached to the approval for the original 10 lodges had been adhered to i.e. the position, height and size of the lodges. Other concerns included inaccurate information on the application form, breach of assurances given by the owner when he said that local residents would not be able to see the lodges, that a bund topped with a hedge had not been installed and there would be no further applications to increase the number of lodges. In view of the above comments, residents had no confidence that any conditions attached to the new application would be honoured and it was felt that the matters relating to the first application should be addressed before any further proposals were considered. After further discussion regarding the new application parishioners requested Councillors to object to the proposals.

The Chairman then declared the Public Meeting to be closed and left the table. Mr.Ravenhill proceeded to conduct the Parish Council Meeting.

After thorough discussion and taking into consideration the previous comments, Councillors unanimously objected to the proposal for 6 lodges and instructed the Clerk to inform the Enforcement Officer of the parishioners' concerns and to ask Cllr.Robert Tindall to call in the application for discussion at a Planning Meeting.

The meeting was then closed.