

DRAFT MINUTES

ENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL - PLANNING MEETING

Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.15 pm at Enstone Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Knott (Chair), M. Ivings, P. Shaw, D. Robottom,
C. Glendinning, T. Gilbert and A. Lee

30 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr. R. Parker, P. Butler & District Cllr. A. Beaney

1. Declarations of Interest None
2. **Erection of up to 30 dwellings and formation of a new access off
Oxford Road – 17/00426/OUT
Land South of Oxford Road, Oxford Road, Enstone**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked residents for comments concerning the above planning application which were as follows:-

- i. The junction was extremely hazardous and dangerous
- ii. Concern regarding run-off of water into the River Glyme
- iii. There were multiple springs throughout the site and the historic Enstone Marvels were thought to have been built at the site because of these springs
- iv. The current sewerage system is already overloaded and is currently being investigated by Thames Water and the Environment Agency
- v. Where will surface water go?
- vi. Enstone School is already over-subscribed
- vii. The threat of endangering the current wildlife and habitat such as bats, frogs, toads, newts and deer
- viii. Animals are not kept on site as the ground is so wet from the springs
- ix. The proposed exit is where many dog walkers cross the road
- x. The pavement from the site to Enstone School would be dangerous
- xi. There is risk that the neighbouring listed buildings could be flooded
- xii. There has been so much development in the village over the past ten years
- xiii. It would affect the landscape with further urbanization on the village

The Chair asked residents who were in favour of the development - NONE

The Chair asked residents who were against the development – UNANIMOUS OBJECTION

The Parish Council then discussed the planning application further as follows:-

- a. There is evidence that the historic Enstone Marvels, are partly located in the proposed area.
- b. There was concern about the emergence of springs in wet weather across the hillside with the resulting run off and flood risk.
- c. Six houses and a farm are entirely dependent on these springs by drawing water from the area on a permanent basis.
- d. Disturbance of these springs could cause an increase in drainage water into the river causing flooding to the downstream properties and gardens.
- e. Children attending Enstone Primary School from the site would be in potential danger as the drag force from HGVs is incredibly strong as they accelerate up the hill leaving the village. Walking or cycling would be highly dangerous.
- f. The speeding of traffic, particularly HGVs as they leave Enstone and travel up the hill towards the proposed access would be extremely hazardous.
- g. Sewerage – there are constant and on-going problems with the overflow of sewerage at the current pumping station – the pumping station has broken down five to six times in the past 12 months.
- h. The site has many species of bats and other wildlife.

The Chair asked Parish Councillors who were in favour of the development -
NONE

The Chair asked Parish Councillors who were against the development -
UNANIMOUS OBJECTION

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

3. **Parish Hall Matters – Heating System:-**
 - Cllr. Lee had alerted MCS to a potential claim
 - Mr. D. Parris and Mrs. S. Hamilton had all the files related to the building work
 - The query to establish was who had contractual responsibility for the design and installation of the heating system?

The following decisions were agreed:-

- That Cllr. Butler proceeds with obtaining an independent report to establish who was responsible for the design and installation of the heating system.
- That Mr. Parris contacts Mr. R. McGrigor (ex-Councillor) to arrange a meeting with themselves and Cllr. Lee before the next Parish Council meeting on 30th March.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm and everyone was thanked for attending.