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Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 19th January 2017 8pm at St John's Church Hall

P001/17 Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Those present: Councillors G Clark (Chairman), V Edwards, J Newton, J England and P Hayles.
Also present: Clerk (outgoing) M Burroughs and Clerk (incoming) S Mills.

Apologies – None

P002/17 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Change to Members' Interests

None

P003/17 – Public speaking

There were two members of the public present. One spoke on DC/16/2935 – the application to demolish existing garages at Swann Way and erect 9 dwellings, and asked for the Parish Council's support with regard to the application. They advised that:

- The loss of the garages would be a loss of amenity;
- The new dwellings will lead to parking issues where on-street parking is already an issue;
- Consultation regarding the proposals was lacking.

P004/17 Planning Applications

It was agreed to make the following comments to Horsham District Council:

REF	ADDRESS	DETAILS	Comment
DC/16/2935	Garage Block, Swann Way	Proposed demolition of existing garages, and erection of 9 No. dwellings, and associated landscaping and parking	Strongly Object to the plans as proposed (see Appendix A)
DC/16/2934	Garage Block, Sleets Road	Proposed demolition of existing garages, and erection of 9 No. dwellings, and associated landscaping and parking	Strongly Object to the plans as proposed (see Appendix A)
DC/16/2700	Land South of Leisure Centre	Pavilion, Sports Pitches and Skate Park	Broadbridge Heath Parish Council Fully Support this application and looks forward to its completion

P005/17 Next Meeting(s) – to be agreed as appropriate

Meeting closed 9:35pm

Appendix A - Feedback from Broadbridge Heath Parish Council (submitted 23/01/17)

DC/16/2934 & 2935 - Garage Block, Sleets Road and Swann Way

Proposed demolition of existing garages, and erection of 2 x 9 dwellings, and associated landscaping and parking.

Strong objection to the proposal

Inadequate parking provision

There appears to be inadequate parking provision for the new dwellings in an area which is recognised to already be congested, in particular, Sleets Road which is predominately disabled parking only.

Section 1.03 of the Design and Access Statement 2472B does not make any reference to the potential parking overspill resulting from the Solomon Seal development where there is to be 165 new dwellings and an 80 bed care home.

Those who will experience the most detrimental effect of the lack of on-street parking are those elderly and disabled residents of Sleets Road and Swann Way who rely on accessible parking for themselves and their carers.

Lack of consultation

When Saxon Weald presented to the Parish Council in April 2016 they were reluctant to have members of the public present; this would have presented an ideal opportunity for residents to make their concerns known. Additionally, members of the public have advised the Parish Council that Saxon Weald have made limited effort to consult with them regarding the proposed development. There was an exhibition in May 2016 but even this was not widely publicised. No notices have been erected in the locality and some residents may still be unaware of the proposals.

The planning application was validated on the 21st December allowing limited opportunity to respond over the busy Christmas bank holiday period and within the 21 day consultation period. The Parish Council asks that the applications are considered by the Development North Committee; our district Councillor Matthew French is supportive of this.

Residents' concerns

There have been a number of objections raised by local residents and garage users surrounding loss of privacy and general amenity which we hope the Planning Officer will take into consideration.