

Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council
Minutes of The Extra Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 18th August 2017
At Ballingham Village Hall 7.30PM

Present: Chairman - Cllr Martin Soble, Cllr Patricia Fitzpatrick, Cllr Simon Harris, Cllr Peter Pember Cllr Phil Watkins, Cllr Valarie Lilwall, Cllr Dave Stuffins & Cllr Sally Pike.
In attendance Kath Greenow Parish Clerk, & 2 members of the public and the applicant of the planning application

1.To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Henry Rudge & Cllr S Keogh & Cllr John Lyons Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick

2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items and consider dispensation requests.

The Chairman & Cllr Dave Stuffins declared an interest on the planning application, they were allowed to stay in the room but did not vote on the application.

3. Planning

3.1To consider commenting on planning application

172160 Ballingham Court Ballingham Hereford

Description: Change of use from an agricultural field to a glamping site comprising three safari tents each with its own shower and toilet area, hot tub, access track, wooden playground and septic tank

It was RESOLVED:to **SUPPORT** the application

The application is sympathetic to the rural area, The Parish Council don't see any light pollution issues, and feel that the application is in compliance with Herefordshire Councils Local Plan Core Strategy Policy E4 Tourism "Herefordshire will be promoted as a destination for quality leisure visits and sustainable tourism by utilising, conserving and enhancing the county's unique environmental and heritage assets and by recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. In particular, the tourist industry will be supported by a number of measures including:

1. recognising the unique historic character of Hereford and the market towns as key visitor attractions and as locations to focus the provision of new larger scale tourist development;
 2. the development of sustainable tourism opportunities, capitalising on assets such as the county's landscape, rivers, other waterways and attractive rural settlements, where there is no detrimental impact on the county's varied natural and heritage assets or on the overall character and quality of the environment. Particular regard will be had to conserving the landscape and scenic beauty in the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
 3. retaining and enhancing existing, and encouraging new, accommodation and attractions throughout the county, which will help to diversify the tourist provision, extend the tourist season and increase the number of visitors staying overnight"
- Policy E4 recognises the contribution that tourism makes to the Herefordshire economy and seeks to ensure that this continues and is enhanced through new developments which are

of an appropriate scale, type and location. Access to and from the site: The Parish Council note that the road has a national speed limit, and we ask that there is a good access visibility splay, which will be for Herefordshire Council highways to determine

Chairman **Date.....**

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