

**Minutes of the Heydon Parish Council Meeting on 19 January 2016,
The End Cottage, Heydon**

Chairman: Diana MacFadyen
Parish Councillors: Livingstone, Smith, Carroll, Janson Jones
District Councillors: Barratt, Hales
Clerk: Yvonne Harris
Parishioner: Rollo Barnes

Actual Start: 18:30

1. Apologies

None

2. Opportunity for Public Questions

Rollo Barnes (owner of the next door property 14 Fowlmere Road) was shown the drawings. He expressed concern that planning applications submitted piecemeal have a better chance of being approved whereas had the whole scheme been submitted as one it might not have been passed. He wondered if there would be further applications for this site in the near future and asked if the District Council has powers to put a time limit on future planning applications to stop this happening. Cllrs Barrett and Hales said SCDC has a duty to assess each planning application submitted solely on its own merits, though conditions can be imposed. It cannot take into account what has been before or what might be submitted in future.

3. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests of Councillors

There were none declared.

4. Planning

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Proposed extension and division of the existing property into two separate dwellings, and the erection of outbuildings to each property, Hill Farmhouse, 20 Chishill Road, SG8 8PW

After discussion, the Council resolved to recommend refusal for the following reasons:

- Insufficient drawings: Existing site plan detail and dimensions, particularly of the drive access and immediate surrounding area, has not been supplied and we are therefore unable to compare and contrast with the proposed.
- Backland development: Separating this property into two detached dwellings will constitute backland development. There has been no other backland development in the village, only infill. Heydon is defined as having a strong linear design as stated in the Policy Planning and Heritage Statement, ref 4.18. We believe this development would alter the character of the village and undermine the pattern of development.
- Road safety: Vehicles parked along the road where the adjacent new dwelling is

being built is already causing an obstruction and the PC feels the situation is unlikely to change when the property is completed and occupied. If this application is approved there will be movement of cars associated with two houses using the driveway, together with associated parking on the road by visitors/ suppliers etc to both. Immediately opposite is an existing driveway for two properties, and a well used public footpath where walkers must park on the road. Exiting traffic from the proposed drive has restricted visibility to the south (oncoming traffic) because of existing wall and high hedge, and parked cars on the opposite side of the road where there is a terrace of houses and no verge or pavement. The PC would not be sympathetic to any alteration to the flint wall to enable the driveway as it is part of the character of the village and should be preserved.

The Chairman will submit a response to SCDC based on the above.

5. To Accept Notices and Matters For The Next Agenda

None

6. Date and Venue for Next Meeting

No further planning meetings arranged.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.15.
Our thanks to Diana MacFadyen for her hospitality.