**FYFIELD AND WEST OVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**PLANNING MEETING: 3- 2020/21**

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held remotely by Zoom on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 6.30pm.

**Present**: Cllr D Woolley (Planning Chairman), Cllr S Nichols, Cllr A Baring, Cllr L Davies, Cllr A Miller, Cllr J Turner, Cllr J Drew, Cllr J Hallett, Cllr L Staddon, Cllr M Dissanayake & Cllr C Rogers.

**Apologies**: None.

**In attendance**: Sophie Roberts (Clerk) & 3 neighbours of the application being discussed.

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**: The minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be signed as a true record at the next available opportunity.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**: None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**:

None.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Telephone conversation with Wiltshire Council Planning department regarding the apparent lack of Green Planning Notices.

Wiltshire Council maintained due to the current pandemic there are less people around, therefore they are only putting them up for significant developments, new builds, change of use and some Listed Buildings if significant and external. They maintained they were still writing to some neighbours but were unable to clarify how we were supposed to know whether this had happened.

1. **APPLICATION**:

**20/09519/FUL** – **Two storey side/rear extension and demolition of garage. 66, West Overton, SN8 4ER**

Cllr C Rogers presented the plans and provided some detail. The house is a semi-detatched ex workers cottage once part of the Meux Estate and designed by Charles Ponting, who had been a local architect living in Lockeridge. The houses were built as a pair around 1880 with a matching pair on the opposite side of the road. It was noted the houses had significant architectural merit. It was noted the proposed extension is particularly large and could possibly double the footprint of the original cottage and there were no references to the building materials to be used.

The neighbours attending were invited to express their views which are summarised as follows:

The extension is too large – overdevelopment of the site.

It would look unbalanced with the other half of the property and adjoining semi.

The property is a Ponting and the architectural value would be lost with a large extension.

The loss of the garage would impact on the parking and that of the neighbours garage.

Loss of light to the adjoining semi.

It would dwarf the adjoining semi.

The house is not listed but is a significant part of the village heritage and the Ponting houses feature heavily in the Village Design Statement.

Loss of open countryside feel in that corner, will appear built up.

The Council discussed the proposal in some detail taking into consideration the views of the neighbours and the parking problems at that location which were already a cause for concern. Although the Council were sympathetic to the applicant’s need for more space, they were unanimous in their decision to object to the application.

***The Council objects to the proposal. It would involve overdevelopment of the site and have an adverse visual impact upon the existing house and its neighbour, both of which are Ponting designed and referred to at least by implication in the Village Design Statement. In addition, there will be a loss of parking in an area where there are already parking problems.***

Cllr David Woolley asked the neighbours present if they had received any notification about the planning application from Wiltshire Council, they all indicated they had not and had only been made aware of it by the Parish Council.

Cllr David Woolley agreed to draft a letter to Wiltshire Council expressing our outrage that they are not only failing in their legal duty of advertising the applications on the green notices but also not notifying the neighbours.

**Action Cllr D Woolley**

The meeting closed at 7.09 pm

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