

Potterspurvy Parish Council

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING held on Wednesday 14 July 2021 in Potterspurvy Village Hall

Present

COUNCILLORS: Dr S Parkin, Mrs B Silvester, Mrs J Blunden, Mr R Capps,
Mrs T Holland, Mrs Z Peasland, Mr G Lucas, Mr S Dring.

Mrs J Spence Clerk & RFO

WNC Cllr W Barter

2 members of the public

Apologies: Councillors: Mr S Norris (unwell), Mrs A Ruck (holiday), Mr R Armstrong (away), Mrs J Millidge (work meeting), Mr F Giblin (work).

5998 WNS/2021/0908/MAF Change of use from agricultural to mixed use children's and young people outdoor activities (retrospective). Pinchgut Farm, Watling Street, Potterspurvy, NN12 7GH.

It was resolved to submit the following comments to WNC Planning:

The Parish Council considered this proposal at the meeting held on 14 July 2021 and make the following comments.

Whilst having no objection to the actual proposed outdoor activities for children and young people, we do have very serious concerns about access and egress to and from the site.

This is currently via Furtho Lane, Potterspurvy, a very narrow lane leading on to a bridleway owned by the landowner, where there are a number of stables, and which is well used by equestrians and walkers. Furtho Lane is not suitable for large amounts of traffic including, potentially, coaches transporting school children in addition to individual cars visiting the site.

To ensure the safety of the local children, if permission is granted it should include the requirement of traffic calming measures and a speed enforcement of 15 miles an hour. Speeding vehicles in Furtho Lane have already been witnessed.

Prior to this retrospective application, the Parish Council had reported the change of use without planning permission to SNC in November 2020 and Enforcement Notice E/2020/0289 was drafted by Michelle Jarvis but it did not receive the final authorisation from David Morren to proceed before this retrospective application was submitted.

A resident emailed SNC Planning Development Management on 30 June 2021 about the use of this land without planning permission and the dangerous amount of traffic using Furtho Lane. This led to further emails, including one from David Morren on 1 July which, despite recent emails from and to the Parish Council, seemed to indicate we had not followed the correct procedure, despite our original, correctly submitted notification made in November 2020.

We also note that nearby neighbours living in Furtho Lane and Drovers Way Potterspurvy have not been consulted and therefore given the opportunity to comment on this proposal, including the resident who originally contacted SNC Planning over the problem.

We have received emails from residents expressing concerns about the amount of vehicular traffic, including large lorries, using narrow Furtho Lane and which will be using the lane in the future, should planning permission be granted.

As they will be directly affected, could you please arrange to contact all residents in Furtho Lane and Drovers Way and give them the opportunity to comment on this application.