

Wreningham Parish Council - Minutes

Meeting of a Parish Council meeting held on 28th May 2012 at 7.00pm in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Michael Hill (Chair), Elizabeth Brake, Sheldon Durant, Gill Page, Donald Whiterod, the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

455. Apologies: None

456. Planning

- 2012/0472 - The Jays, Top Row, Wreningham: New front porch and two storey rear extension.

Meeting closed at 7.21pm

Two people spoke on behalf of the applicants, they explained that this is a rationalisation of the internal space with very small external change. They noted that both the adjacent neighbouring properties have grown already and The Jays is extending similarly.

Mrs Page expressed her concerns over light being lost by the extended roof line. Privacy is also a concern as there will be direct line of sight into her property. The applicants disagreed that there would be a line of sight into the property. It was noted that the neighbour on the other side of The Jays had written to SNC expressing concern about impact on light.

Meeting opened at 7.26pm

The Council discussed the application and noted the need to extend the cottage, however he neighbourhood issues need to be sensitively addressed.

The Parish Council agreed that the development was in keeping with the site, but wish to ensure that SNC is aware that the Parish Council are concerned about neighbourhood issues which need to be resolved. It was felt that the planners were the best people to address this using their expertise, and decide whether there is a resolution that will satisfy the parties. Proposed: Mr Durant, seconded: Mr Whiterod.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

- Wreningham School - proposal PP-01919008

The Council expressed disappointment that Wreningham School is yet again having to spend money to shoehorn accommodation into its site. Over the years various ad hoc extensions and additions have been made to satisfy the short term need of the day. Consequently the school site presents an incoherent and ineffective infrastructure with a mismatch of buildings, extensions and mobile classrooms. The Council appreciates this application is an attempt to provide more suitable accommodation, but it is thought this will add to the lack of coherence and hence is not the best use of money. The Council consider that an overarching design and approach should be developed to provide accommodation better suited for educating our children. The Council notes that a plot of land offered under the LDF consultation (site Z1229, Land rear of Rushcroft, Ashwellthorpe Road) presents an opportunity to address many years of piecemeal development and in the mid- to long-term would represent much better use of public money to allow improved facilities and future growth. Proposed: Mr Durant, seconded: Mrs Page.

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Meeting closed at 7.45pm