

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 28th May 2008 to resolve **PLANNING ISSUES ONLY**.

Present: Mr D Walker Mrs J Taylor
Mr R Beeby Mr P Atkins
Mrs L Craven

Mrs J Walker, Clerk, was also in attendance and 15 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr J Santoro.
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2008** were held over until the next full Parish Council business Meeting.

At this point in the meeting Cllr D Walker, Chairman, retired from the proceedings declaring he had a conflict of interest in the planning application to be discussed. Cllr R Beeby, Vice Chairman, then took over to Chair the meeting.

3. **Open Discussion Time re Item 4**

Before any discussions took place the Clerk read out six letters of objection that had been addressed to Rushcliffe Borough Council and copied to the Parish Council, one letter from the applicant addressed to the Clerk to be read out to the Parish Councillors at the meeting and a further letter addressed to the Clerk in support of the application. The Clerk read out the letters in the order in which she had received them.

Cllr Beeby invited comments from the meeting but pointed out that the letters were very detailed and that he did not expect repetition on the contents of these but would accept any relevant new points.

Residents pointed out that documents downloaded from the internet had slight differences to the documents laid out for inspection by the Chairman. The Clerk confirmed that these were the only documents she had received and, through the Chair, Cllr Walker said generally the Parish Council were never made aware of any amendments that followed the initial consultation circulation. It was felt, however, that these changes would have made a difference to the content of the letters of objection that were submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council and copied to the Clerk. It was also pointed out that everyone involved had been requested to comment on the application direct to Rushcliffe Borough Council but it was wondered if the Electricity Board would also have had an opportunity to do so as part of the land in question belonged to them. The RBC Case Officer would be the person to contact for this information.

There was discussion about the number of listed buildings and it was confirmed that Elms Farmhouse is a Listed Building. Concern was expressed about the nature of the sub-soil for the building plot and Cllr Walker was requested through the Chair to comment on the soil banking to the boundary wall with No. 35 Main Street. Cllr Walker made clear his response was made for historical value only for the initial site development, as he had declared an interest. He said the original ground level was approximately at the existing road level. Discussion took place about the nature of affordable housing and what is actually meant by this and mention was made of infilling already taking place.

4. Planning Issues

08/00821/OUT Affecting the setting of a Listed Building. Mr N Humphries, Birch House, 1 Elms Close, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RF. Construct chalet bungalow.

Cllr Beeby called upon the Councillors for their comments. They referred to the consistent themes from the letters and reiterated that Rushcliffe Borough Council had already accepted the application for consideration despite the concerns by residents that the application was not complete. In terms of the affect on the settings of the listed buildings it was felt that this was not a major issue particularly as Rushcliffe Borough Council had already granted planning permission to previous applications in the village and therefore this application was not creating a precedent. The next stage would be to provide details and the types of materials used that would all come out at planning should approval be granted.

As there had been concern about the possibility of removing trees and shrubs it was confirmed that this was not a conservation area and that none of the trees were protected. The Electricity Board had recently built a new sub-station at the foot of Wysall Lane to serve the whole village and therefore it was felt that there would not be a necessity for another one.

It was agreed not to object to the application on a count of three to one.

5. Any Other Business – none.

6. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th July 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____