

Minutes of An Extraordinary Meeting of Staploe Parish Council held at 8.45pm on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 33, Staploe, St. Neots PE19 5JA

Present: Cllr. V. Zwetsloot (Chair), Cllr. R. Squire, Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. J. Thomson and L. Crawford (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. E. Meola, Cllr. G. Meola, Cllr. J. Ibbett

2019/090. Declarations of interest

Cllr. R. Squire declared an interest in the planning application at Manor Farm as he farms the adjacent land.

2019/091. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2019

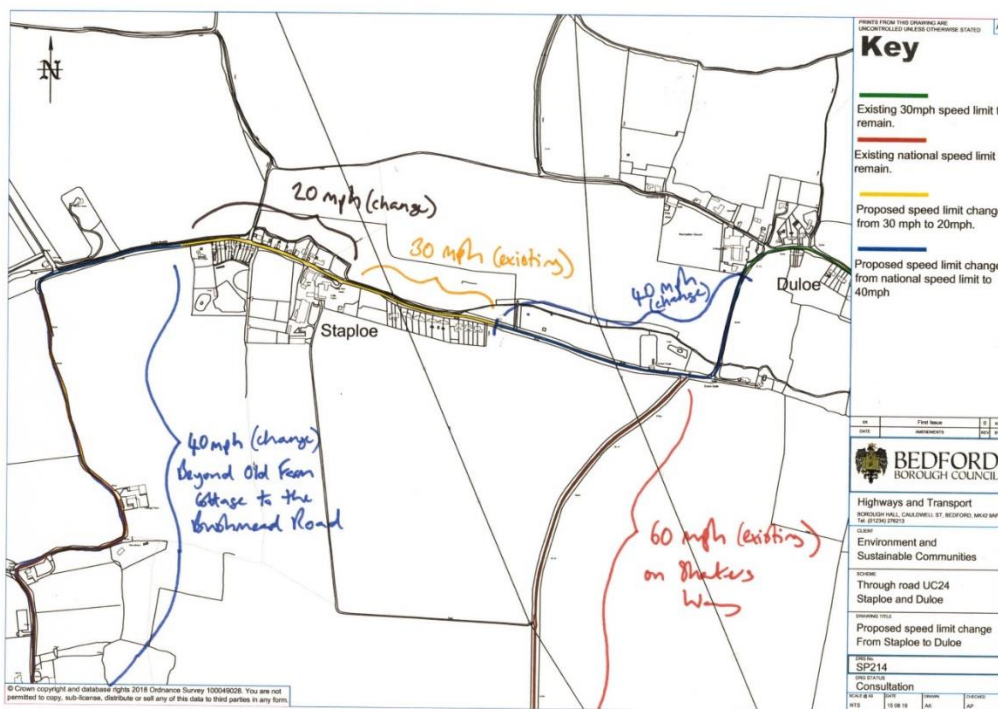
Having been previously circulated these were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. R. Squire and seconded by Cllr. V. Zwetsloot.

2019/092. Public Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

2019/093. Consider the proposed speed limits in Staploe

It was resolved to propose the following speed limits to Bedford Borough Council:



Cllr. R. Squire proposed that the 20mph limit only be introduced in the narrower section of the village as a 20mph limit would be ignored on the straight stretch of road forming the eastern part of the village. Cllr. V. Zwetsloot drew Councillors attention to a recent accident on Gypsy Lane on 19th October where a car had come off the road and through the hedge narrowly missing two trees. She also reported a similar incident on 17th February. Councillors agreed that a 40mph limit on Gypsy Lane would improve road safety (although the sharp bends clearly cannot be negotiated at 40mph Councillors were aware that a 30mph limit would be unlikely given the low density of houses on this road). Proposed by Cllr. R. Squire and seconded by Cllr. V. Zwetsloot.

2019/094. Planning

Application number	Type	Description	Location	Deadline	Link	Further information
19/02078/OUT	Outline application	Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of one dwelling (relocation of previously consented plot 1 of extant permission 02/01094/FUL	Honeypot Cottage Bushmead Road Colmworth Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 2LJ	04/11/2019	19/02078/OUT	Further info Honeypot Cottage

It was resolved to object to this planning application. The application is to replace and relocate Plot 1 of approved application 02/01094/FUL but the Parish Council do not believe the application can be related to the 2002 permission as the original dwellings to be demolished as part of this application are still in situ and have been further extended. The original application was to demolish two small semi-detached cottages and replace with two small detached houses. However, there is now one detached cottage and a large house on the site. Therefore, we believe that this application should be regarded as an application to build a third house (a new dwelling) in open countryside and as such does not accord with the saved policies of the Bedford Local Plan 2002 or the Core Strategy and Rural Issues Plan 2008 and does not satisfy any of the exceptions in the National Planning Policy Framework 2019. Proposed by Cllr. R. Squire and seconded by Cllr. D. Smith.

Application number	Type	Description	Location	Deadline	Link	Further information
19/02015/OUT	Outline application	Outline application for the conversion of barns into two dwellings, demolition of existing barns, demolition and rebuilding of wall and erection of replacement outbuilding and garages.	Manor Farm, Duloe PE19 5HQ	13/11/2019	19/02015/OUT	

It was resolved to support this application with the suggested conditions that there should be effective screening from the existing Manor Farmhouse, there should be no increase in height compared to the existing buildings and that permitted development rights be withdrawn. The Parish Council would like to draw attention to the fact that Footpath 25 is close to this development and access will need to be preserved and that there is a post box in one of the barns due to be demolished on the site of the proposed dwelling 1. The Parish Council considered that the proposed development resulted in a reduction in the built area and an improvement to the visual amenity of the plot. Proposed by Cllr. J. Thomson and seconded by Cllr. V. Zwetsloot.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm