

## Dorchester-on-Thames Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman, Cllr Chris Hill presided; also present were Cllrs. Rob Ballantyne, Oliver Margison, Viviane Quirke, Mike Rimmer, Keith Russell and Mark Williams (Vice-Chairman) with G Russell in attendance. Also present for part of the meeting were two members of the public.

### 1/7/S Chairman's opening remarks and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Val Howells. The Chairman explained that this special meeting had been called because the Planning Officer had turned down the Parish Council's request that the consultation period for The White Hart's planning application should be extended.

### 2/7/S Public Participation

Nigel Oddy, proprietor of The White Hart Hotel, was present in order to answer questions rather to make a new presentation.

### 3/7/S Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None. Cllr Keith Russell said that, as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, he would abstain from voting on the White Hart planning application..

### 4/7/S P16/S1833/FUL & P16/S1700/LB White Hart Hotel, High Street; Conversion

of No 26 High Street - reverting a small 3 bedroom cottage, the repair and refurbishment of the present hotel premises. The demolition of a modern brick wall (east boundary).

Construction of 2 no village houses fronting Queen Street. Altered car park layout - Marked out with 23 no spaces, renovation of north boundary wall.

There was a lively debate and Nigel Oddy was called upon to answer several questions, particularly about car parking. After some detailed discussion, however, following a proposal by Cllr Mike Rimmer and seconded by Cllr Mark Williams it was agreed that the Council would recommend that these applications should be approved subject to two conditions.

The first condition relates to the ridge height of the proposed two new cottages; the Council wants to ensure that the planning approval specifies that this ridge height should be no greater than that of the Village Hall next door.

The second condition arises because of the importance of this site in archaeological terms. In fact the Council noted that the County Archaeologist has called for a full site survey to be carried out before the application is approved.

In view, however, of the considerable disturbance of the site when the Queen Street Flood Relief work was carried out by the County Council in 2006, the Council does not feel that a brand new survey is necessary, but there should be some detailed investigation of the site as part of the new building work particularly on any areas that were not excavated in 2006.

The Meeting closed at 8.13 p.m.