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Minutes

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on **Thursday 28^h September 2023** at 11am at Badgworth and Biddisham Parish Hall, Bristol Road, Biddisham

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Beynon and Hipwell. The Parish Clerk was also in attendance. 24 members of the public were present.

Public participation: The applicant responded to questions as they arose. The following topics were raised: detail on units in the application form, usage of R unit, the location and tourism, sustainable travel, accessibility and facilities, public transport, community benefit and social cohesion, the lane narrowness lack of lighting and pavements, supporting the local economy, parking spaces, year round use, visual impact and trees and hedgerows, landscaping, ecology report and bats, lighting plan, waste storage and disposal, foul drainage plan, staff facilities, storage, the adjacent rhyne, sustainable drainage, countryside designation, asbestos and disposal, noise and traffic generation and proximity to residents, alternative use for the site, layout of site, shared access, intensification of use of junction and Lane, accessibility of managers.

038/23P Apologies for absence: None

039/23P Declarations of Interest: None

040/23P Dispensations: None

041/23P The following application was discussed, and the comments were as follows:

Application No: 03/23/00009

Type: Full Planning Permission

Applicant: Mr P Tuckfield

Location: Land At, Biddisham Lane, Biddisham, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26

Coordinates: E: 337989.80 N: 153792.52

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to caravan site, including the demolition of 4no. buildings and formation of 16no. caravan pitches.

Matters discussed included: Public and Consultee Comments, the application form and detail, noise, lighting, tourism policy, drainage, waste management, contamination, design and layout, access, highways and A38, residential and farming area and change of character, impact on residents, traffic disruption to village, impact on community, pressure on local services, support making site more attractive, difficult junction to a 50mph road, restrictions of the lane and holiday makers turnover.

Resolution: Objection. Unanimously agreed.

Basis: The Parish Council had concerns about road safety and the narrow Lane with few passing spaces particularly near the junction where narrowness of the Lane can cause problems with access causing queuing on the A38. The shared access to the site and safety concerns for visitors with the farm traffic. Drainage, lighting, waste management, traffic generation, noise and impacts on community, change to the character of the area

and screening, concerns over ecology of the site, concerns over the removal of asbestos and the impacts to the community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.44am

Signed Chairman (Cllr Body)

28.9.23 (Date)