

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL**HELD AT CROSS TREE CENTRE 27.8.2013 AT 6PM**

The three Planning Applications re Hillside Nursery were considered at the Ordinary PC meeting on 13.8.2013 but the vote was taken on incorrect information and is therefore invalid. This meeting is to consider the 3 P/A's in the light of correct information.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Ambrose (Vice Chairman), King, Sage, Thompson & Law

PUBLIC: Mr A W H Porter (Applicant), Kit Stokes (Planning Consultant).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm, welcomed the members of the public and asked Kit Stokes to address the Councillors

Meeting closed at 6.03pm.

Mr Stokes said that the Nursery, which has an Agricultural tie, was not viable as a Nursery and was not affordable by an Agricultural worker. It had been advertised at a lower price because of the Agricultural tie. It could not supply the trade and could not match the likes of Cadbury Garden Centre.

When asked about the acreage Mr Porter said it was about 3 acres. This is too small for agriculture

Cllr. King said that it has been advertised for 2 years, stating that there is an Agricultural tie and it was promoted with the Agricultural tie. It was subsequently put on the open market.

Mr Stokes said that the Councils approach was to attract agricultural workers. There had been interest but all had backed out.

The Hunt's and the Brutto's had specialised in hanging baskets, for the trade. The soil is not fertile so they bought in plants and grew them on in poly-tunnels.

Cllr. Ambrose queried the constraints of the tie. Mr Porter said that it allowed for Agricultural contractors, Farmers & Forestry but debarred Salesmen in Agriculture.

Cllr. King said that a bungalow in Lower Failand, with an Agricultural tie, has not been taken up in 3 years.

Mr Stokes said that given the size it is not for an agricultural project.

MEETING OPENED 6.22

We Councillors wanted to maintain as many agricultural ties as possible but we were given to understand that the land is good.

The applications were then taken individually :-

PLANNING APPLICATION – 13/P/1321/LDE – Support . Voting 6/6

PLANNING APPLICATION 13/P/1324/F –Support proposed by Cllr. Law, seconded by Cllr. Sage.
Voting 4/2

PLANNING APPLICATION 13/P/1326/LUP – Following further and better information from Kit Stokes
the proposal to support the application was made by Cllr. Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. King.
Voting 6/6

MEETING CLOSED 6.37pm