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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Planning Committee which took place on Thursday 11 July 2019 at 6.15pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Lade Barker, Cllr Richard Hitchcock, Cllr Mike Magill, Cllr Ann Pearcey, Cllr Nigel Ricketts, Mr Frank Campbell, Mr Piers Mason, and Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Parish Council.

1. Declarations of interest: Cllr Barker declared an interest in planning application 19/01428/FUL as the applicant and did not take part in discussions relating to this item.

2. Apologies for absence: None.

3. Election of Vice Chair: Cllr Hitchcock nominated Cllr Barker, which was seconded by Cllr Pearcey and all were in favour. Cllr Barker was elected Vice Chair.

4. Minutes of the meeting on 13 June 2019: Members agreed the minutes as a true record which were signed as such by the Chair.

5. Updates and issues from the minutes of 13 June 2019:

Item 7: A letter has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate to enquire as to when the public inquiry will take place for APP/L3815/C/18/3203193, APP/L3815/C/18/3203215, APP/L3815/C/18/3203219, APP/L3815/C/18/3203222 at The Old Army Camp, Cemetery Lane, Westbourne.

6. Planning applications: Members made the following comments.

18/03132/FUL: Change of use of land to a private gypsy and traveller caravan pitch consisting of 1 no. mobile home, 1 no. touring caravan and 1 no. utility/day room with associated works. Racton View Marlpit Lane Hambrook Westbourne. The Parish Council objects to the planning application. The Parish Council objects to the planning application as it is contrary to the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish of Westbourne has a history of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller sites being set up and in some cases finally securing permission in retrospect. Over the years this has led to an intensification of such uses in the Parish to the extent that it now has the largest concentration of such uses in the county, including the concentrations that also exist in the neighbouring Parish of Funtington. The Parish Council has campaigned frequently on this issue via Local Plan consultations and in objections directly to senior members and officers at Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council. The Council has managed to get support and policy recognition from the District Council that the excessive concentration leads to undesirable effects on Westbourne. The Parish Council finds itself in a position that if it now approved an additional unit, when it had already provided sufficient to meet

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the numbers required in current planning policy, it would be perpetuating the problems of the past and taking a contrary line to our previously stated position. The planning application should be considered with reference to the allocations in the current Local Plan and not set against those identified in the review as this is considered to be premature. In addition, the Council has concerns about the contaminated land and impact of activities on wildlife and habitats. The Parish Council has some sympathy with the personal circumstances of the applicant and urges him to find a solution to his housing needs within the allocated/approved sites that exist within the Parish.

19/00512/DOM: Two storey extension to eastern elevation. East View Woodmancote Lane Woodmancote. The Parish Council has no objection.

19/01428/FUL: Extension to existing agricultural building and alterations to provide farm office, storage and shower room. Mill Meadows House, Mill Lane, Westbourne. The Parish Council supports the planning application.

19/01552/PA1A: Single storey extension to the rear (a) rear extension - 3.6m (b) maximum height - 3.14m (c) height of eaves - 2.84m. 32 Ellesmere Orchard, Westbourne. The Parish Council has no objection.

19/00423/FUL: Retention of 3 no. identical timber storage sheds. Land South West Of Racton View, Marlpit Lane, Hambrook. The Parish Council has no objection but consider that the continued use of the site should be subject to a condition limiting its use directly in connection with the woodland outlined in red on the submitted plan and for no other uses including the importation of wood from other locations or other non-agricultural commercial activity.

7. Planning appeals: CDC has informed the Council that appeal 17/0033/CONMHC, Home Paddock Stables, will now be determined by hearing, instead of written representations. However, the Council's written representation will still be taken into consideration. A date and time is still to be confirmed.

8. Chichester District Council Enforcement Reporting: Members looked at each of the enforcement items and noted the update provided by CDC.

9. Announcements and items for the next meeting: Cllr Hitchcock recommended that the Committee works with CDC and WSCC to ensure that the Parish Council is aware in future of the possible impact of permitted building works on the local community. Cllr Briscoe said that WSCC Highways are consulted on planning issues and could proactively identify possible issues.

10. Date of next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.