

## HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**Present:** Mr Hugh Hamill (Chair) (HH), Mrs Alison Geary (Vice Chair) (AG) and Councillors Mr Peter Evans (PE), Mrs Stephanie Stott (SS), Mrs Debbie Cordery (DC) and Judith Willis (JW)

**Also Present:** Mrs Allison Leigh (Clerk) (AL), 4 members of the public

HH noted that this meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19. Members of the public were made aware that they could contact the clerk to access the meeting.

**20/63: Apologies for absence:** Councillor Anthony Williams attempted to join the meeting, but was unsuccessful due to technical difficulties

**20/64: Declarations of Interest:** HH and DC declared non-pecuniary interests. HH turned the meeting over to AG, Vice Chair.

**20/65: Public questions and statements:** The applicant for Planning Application P20/V2900/FUL was in attendance and noted that there had recently been 2 weddings for people in the village held in the barn. The applicant noted that they would look to hold up to 5 events in a year with parking access through the Lewis' farm with a 12am cut off.

The resident noted that the transport planner had objected as they needed proof that the space is large enough, taking into consideration the ratio of square metre of space to square metre of parking. The applicant has supplied this information to the Council.

The applicant reported that a percentage of the income would go to the church.

A question was asked if the resident had intentions to hold actual weddings in the barn and the applicant is not.

Another member of the public noted they were in attendance to understand people's objections, but noted they understood both opinions with regards to the application.

Another member of the public enquired as to the interest DC declared. DC reported her daughter's wedding reception was held there and that she is friends with the applicant. She reported she has no commercial interest.

HH noted that he understands that this application is to remove the current condition ". The use of the barn hereby permitted shall be limited to recreational purposes ancillary to the main dwelling only." While HH understands that the current applicant intends the barn and gardens to be used for up to 5 weddings a year, the removal of this condition would allow for any future owners to use the barn and gardens differently. HH noted his concern that there is no condition as to the limiting the

number of people, parking or the hour at which events cease.

HH is concerned that this may invite in people from outside the village for events who may not have regard for the village.

Based on the above, HH would object to this application in principal.

The applicant responded that the way the Council had drawn up the application is unclear, but they had made their intentions clear to the Council.

Another member of the public agreed with the points raised by HH and agrees that they would object to this application.

The member of the public was displeased they had not been informed of the application.

The member of the public indicated they did not feel the venue was a country house wedding venue that is conducive to the type of use being proposed. The member of the public felt the village connection of having residents be able to use the barn and gardens for wedding receptions is good, but that other factors outweigh it.

The member of the public noted that this is a conservation area. The member of the public is concerned about noise due to a noise issue at one of the events held there.

## **20/66: Planning:**

### ***Planning applications***

<b><u>Planning Number</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>What</u></b>	<b><u>Date Due</u></b>
P20/V2900/FUL	The Grange Section of Road From St Margarets Church To Glebe Farm Hinton Waldrist SN7 8SA	Variation of Condition 4 (Purposes) on applications P03/V1762 and P03/V1776/LB so that the use of the barn can also be for purposes which are not only ancillary to the main dwelling.	10/12/2020

SS noted she can appreciate opinions for and against the application, but is concerned about noise. She is concerned about the open-endedness of the application and how future owners could use the property for events of many difference natures.

She felt such events held could greatly affect neighbours.

AG noted she is concerned that the potential uses of the barn by future owners could be problematic.

AG called for a vote from the council. AG, SS, JW and PE all voted against the

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application.

AG will write up an objection and send to AL to submit to the planning officer.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

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