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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6.00PM ON TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023 AT THE ELMS

In attendance: Cllrs Andrew Lightfoot, Julie Leah, Katie Moore and the Clerk, Lisa Tuck.
Members of the Public: Mr P Tritton, Mr J Calder, Mr and Mrs R Telfer.

PL23/17 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS – Mr P Tritton explained the application and how he considered the objections raised in 2021 had been mitigated. Mr and Mrs Telfer explained their ongoing concerns. Correspondence had been received from other neighbours which had all been circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting.

PL23/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies were received from Peter Noel (personal) and Judith Sheppard (holiday).

PL23/19 DISPENSATIONS - There were no dispensations.

PL23/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest.

PL23/21 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 14 March 2023, circulated to members, were a correct record and these were signed by the Chair.

It was reported that the Application for 12 Downside had finally been approved despite the Parish Council's concerns over the swimming pool.

No responses had been received as yet from the Head of Planning or Cllr Bawden following the communications in January.

PL23/22 APPLICATIONS

(a) Application No. P/FUL/2023/00913 Charmouth Stores, The Street – The installation of a chiller and a freezer box in the store room on the ground floor and associated equipment on the first floor flat roof to the rear (north) including 2 No condensing units set within acoustic housing and 21 x JA solar panels in the rear garden area. After a discussion based on the points raised by the applicant and public present, the following comments were agreed:

The Parish Council has no objections to the proposal to install 2 further condenser units on the roof of Charmouth Stores based on the fact that the acoustic housing avoids any additional noise being experienced by neighbouring properties. However, it is felt that regular maintenance and continuous monitoring of the units to ensure that these don't become a nuisance, should be a condition of the permission.

With regard to the solar panels, although the Parish Council regrets the loss of a garden, it feels that this outweighs the significant benefit of a core local amenity. The Parish Council's preference would be to see the panels located on the rear roof of the building and feel Dorset Council should reconsider its view on this option.

Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan Policies BET2 (Economic Development) and CC1 (Energy Efficiency) are relevant to this application with the impact of energy efficiency being judged against the potential loss of a significant local amenity.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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