

Skipwith Parish Council Meeting Minutes on Monday, 24th January 2022 at 8.00pm

Present: Councillors Jonathon Morgan (JM) Chairman, Mike Ward (MW) Vice-Chairman, Claire Colthirst (CC), Kate Baxter (KB) Trevor Britain (TB), Sharon Worrall (SW)
Parish Clerk: Isobel Greatrex (IG)

Nine members of public were present.

Item No.	Discussion	Action by	Due Date
012	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence None		
013	Declarations of interest not already declared under the council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest None.		
014	To discuss the planning application for The Rowans, Blackwood Road, Skipwith JM opened the meeting by explaining that the meeting had been arranged to gauge public opinion about the planning application and for the PC to decide on the comments, if any, it would make to Selby District Council. After a robust and lengthy discussion, the PC decided it would express its concerns to the Council about the proposed development for 6 houses on the plot of land, which also reflected public opinion. Its concerns were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That the neighbouring house, Mole End, owns the land which provides right of way only to access The Rowans. The planning application does not refer to this, which could invalidate the application until this right of way is resolved. In addition, the PC believed that the owners of Mole End had not been served notice to inform them The Rowans intend to use Mole End's land. On this basis, the PC decide to request that the application should be withdrawn and resubmitted• The scale and density of the proposed development and the impact on neighbours' amenities• The two storey properties are not in character with the surrounding detached bungalows/dormers• Refuse disposal vehicles will not be able to gain access onto the development, which means that they will need to park on Blackwood Road at the gateway to the village and block the chicanes, potentially causing highway safety issues• Six more houses could mean at least twelve more cars entering and exiting the development, potentially causing the lack of traffic visibility on a sweeping bend.• There is no footpath or street lighting along this part of Blackwood Road, which may prove hazardous.		

	<p>TB left the meeting at 8.20pm.</p> <p>One of the members of public asked if the PC would contribute to the cost of the fees of the Planning Consultant some residents had already engaged. The PC agreed to contribute 50% of the £650 total cost, subject to it taking the lead on the issues raised. CC proposed and MW seconded. The public stated they would consider this and inform the Chairman of their decision the next day. (Subsequently, the public group thanked the PC for its support but declined the PC's financial offer).</p>		
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.25pm.</p>		