

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 14th August 2017 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Present: Cllr Cushing, Cllr Stangoe, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Whitmore and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Abu-Hejleh, Cllr Fleming, Cllr Howlett-Thomson

As this was an extraordinary meeting to discuss a planning application, no minutes were read, nor other business considered.

Planning application: DC/17/2950/FUL

Erection of film studio building, change of use of existing buildings to provide ancillary uses, change of use of land to studio back lot areas, re-profiling of existing offsite landscape bund and boundary security fencing. Land at Bentwaters Parks, Rendlesham.

Planning application:DC/17/3108/FUL

Retrospective Application – to convert an empty building into a collection of studios for rent and a venue for arts based performances, exhibitions etc.

Old Jet, 567 Bentwaters Parks,Rendlesham.

It was acknowledged that while the development could be good for employment, the only grounds upon which the parish council could respond are those relating to traffic and on this issue there were serious concerns.

With regard to the first application, Cllr Cushing expressed deep concern that the developer considered that a traffic statement was unnecessary.

This application, together with other permissions already granted, will mean that the permitted traffic levels laid down by planning application C/10/3239, stating that 2300vpd is the maximum, will be significantly exceeded. The prospect of a further housing development at Rendlesham of 300 units exacerbates this situation, and the fact that this development will not start until 2020 is not relevant.

The area is largely rural, and within an AONB. The road infrastructure is inadequate to meet this need.

Councillors agreed that a suitable response should be formulated, and should include reference to the Site Allocation and Area Specific Policies Public Consultation of November 2016, which sought to change certain wording from "*which are generally poorly related to the main road network in the district*" to "*they are located on or close to the zone distributor lorry network*", which actually serves to emphasise the low standard of the infrastructure.

The Parish Council could not support the second application without information concerning the number of vehicle movements which are being, or will be generated as a result of it. Councillors felt this second application served to highlight the concerns of the Parish Council expressed in the first response.

Cllr Cushing and the clerk will formulate a response, and copies will be sent to Cllrs Reid and Herring.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.