

**Minutes of a meeting of Fringford Parish Council on Monday 24 June 2013, in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall**

**Present:** Mick Cowland, John Fargin (Chairman), Les Harris, John Reader, Roger Williams, Cllr Barry Wood (CDC)  
**In attendance:** Three residents and Jane Olds (Parish Clerk)  
**Apologies:** David McCullagh, Adrian Thwaites

Mr Fargin thanked everyone for attending and explained that the objective was to hear from the villagers about the latest proposals and for the Council to discuss them further.

Mr Fargin outlined the previous history of the project and the reason why the plans were not able to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting the previous week due to the fact that the plans submitted with the boundary of the plot compared with the footprint of the houses was inaccurate and therefore not fit for purpose.

There were three things which the Parish Council needed to consider:

1. the current development proposal
2. to scrutinise the plans in terms of accuracy
3. the whole process and recent phase

As far as the villagers who attended were concerned, the latest proposal does not change anything as all it will do is take the first floor of the left hand building back by 1.1 metres, but leaves the footprint of both properties exactly the same.

Cllr Wood assured the meeting that, because of the history of the project, it will be considered by the District Planning Committee on 11 July at 4pm. The Parish Council and any other interested parties can attend the meeting.

There will be an opportunity for all sides to be able to present their case at the meeting. Both the supporters, and those opposing the application will have a total of five minutes each to speak.

It was suggested that one resident and one Parish Council representative speak against the application with two or three key facts and three or four photographs.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to send a newsletter to all the villagers to let them know the Parish Council's position and to write a letter, to arrive on 10 July, to all the members of the Planning Committee outlining the issues.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds that

- there is still no change to the footprint of the two houses
- the proposal to reduce the first floor and roofline of just the left hand house is inadequate
- the visual impact of the overall development is of significant detriment to the street scene; particularly to the Old Forge

- the front space is not in keeping with the rest of Main Street, particularly the loss of verge and hedge
- the precedent that this development sets within the village causes great concern
- the plans were still inaccurate and it was extremely difficult to be able to make any informed decisions on them.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask John Fargin to represent the Parish Council at the CDC Planning Committee on 11 July and to speak on the Parish's behalf.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to send a letter to all the Councillors on the Planning Committee explaining the situation to arrive the week of the Planning Committee meeting.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to discuss the whole process and write a letter to CDC following the July Planning Meeting.

The members of the public left at 8.35pm and the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....