

A GRIMSTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 7 PM

**Present:** Cllr Stebbings (Chairman), Cllrs Moore, Packer, Pitcher & the Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Coe (Declared an Interest in application 15/00330/F).

**The Minutes of the previous meeting:** Were taken as read, Approved by the Committee members and signed by the Chairman at the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 Council meeting.

**To consider Planning Application 15/00330/F (Vong Farm):**

15/00330/F & Amended: Vong Farm – CU from farm building to offices with a class use of A2 & B1a at Vong Farm, Pott Row – **Approve**, however the Parish Council has an important reservation about Vision on exiting the site. We have made attempts ourselves to exit from the track in a car and you have to move out into the road to gain vision of any traffic heading east on Vong Lane.

Whether the exit can be improved by moving the track further east? – The nature of whatever business is to use the offices is relevant to the amount of movements in and out of the track? – Could parking spaces be moved into the gravelled area on the west of the site and at the northern end of the barn? – Reduce the impact of cars parking on the eastern side of the site on the rural landscape – Some planting on the eastern boundary will soften the view. The Parish Council supports the use of the barns as office space and the possibility of some employment in the parish, but the vision splay will be a problem to oncoming traffic and needs a solution.

**NCC Single Issue Silica Sand Review:** This is a review to determine the “rules” when considering potential sites for silica sand quarrying, to cover a shortage of reserve sites: It was Resolved to maintain our **Refusal** to the 3 sites surrounding our village, which have already been considered and rejected in 2008 & 2012. It was agreed that a 2.5 km buffer zone should be the minimum area around the SAC/Ramsar Roydon Common, where enhanced evidence on the potential effects of silica sand extraction should be required.

**Any other planning matters:** Two further applications were received this week:

15/00225/F: Mr E Grange, Field Lodge, Back Lane – A Conservatory extension: **Approve**, however the Parish Council is very concerned that the one mobile home originally given permission, now appears to have become two identical homes, with only a linking door between them. Why has one mobile home become two? The question now arising is, how much more can be added to the dwelling/s within the permitted rights?

15/00437/RM: Mr I Hardy, client of Matt Gosling – RM: Demolition of outbuildings & construction of new dwelling at the Workshop, 10a Chequers Road: **Approve**, with 1 Abstention.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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