

# Langrish Parish Council

Chair: Ian Wesley

Clerk: Helen Marsh

**Minutes of the Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at the Cow Shed, Barrow Hill Barns, Ramsdean  
on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Ian Wesley, Roger Hetherington, Ian Blackwell, Robert Bewes, Debbie Luff, 26 members of the public and the Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Nigel Talbot Ponsonby
2. **Declarations of Interest** Debbie Luff declared an interest and left the meeting prior to item 4a and 4b.
3. **Comments from the Public or Press** the applicants spoke in favour of their application.

Concerns from the public relating to the two planning applications were:

- a) The additional facilities would necessitate, to be viable, an increase in holiday accommodation.
- b) The farm storage area would be halved, which could potentially result in further applications for replacement storage.
- c) An increase in traffic.
- d) If occupancy of the holiday cottages drops the facility might be opened to the public.
- e) Noise from children using the pool.

A resident spoke in favour of the application saying that, going forward, it will be difficult for farming as European grants are being phased out. They commended the family for diversifying.

## 4. Planning

- A. SDNP/23/00200/FUL Barrow Hill Farm** Change of use of agricultural building to leisure, swimming pool and associated facilities and proposed outside tennis court to support existing holiday let business.
- I. It was resolved to support the application subject to the proviso at II below.
  - II. The proviso is that it be made a condition of any grant of permission that the use of the building be limited to use by guests of the existing holiday cottages / glamping pods.

Absent to such a condition, the Parish Council would be unable to support the application, for the following reasons:

- (a) There is an understandable concern in the Parish that the scheme might not prove viable in the future unless either (i) there were to be an increase in the number of holiday cottages / glamping pods or (ii) use of the building was extended to other members of the general public.
- (b) The risk inherent in an unconditional grant of permission would be that a large leisure centre, if it proved unable to generate sufficient income to service its capital and running costs, would then drive an application to widen its use.
- (c) The Parish Council believes that such a risk should be addressed now, e.g., by the imposition of suitable conditions, rather than deferred to some potential future application when the Leisure Centre / Swimming Pool complex is already in place.

**B. SDNP/23/00201/FUL Barrow Hill Farm** Change of use of agricultural building to commercial use (mixed class E and B8) The parish council raised no objection to the application