

MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th January 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL after the bi-monthly meeting

Present: Mr. A Masters (Chairman); Mrs. A Saunders (Vice-Chairman); D. Morris and Mr. M Clode (Parish Councillors); Mrs. K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 8 parishioners.

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest: None received.

3. Previous minutes

The minutes of the last planning meeting were read, approved and signed by the chairman.

4. Planning approvals

The following planning approval has been received and read:
Erection of porch at Highfields, Henley Road.

5. Planning application

To consider a planning application relating to

44 Copper Beech Road, Kingsdon, Somerset, TA11 7JX (Mr Michael Winsor)

Re Application 13/05012/FUL

Change of roof covering from thatch to double roman tiles, remedial works to gable walls and associated timber works (GR: 351668/126129)

D. Morris stated that we cannot set a precedent to allow thatched roof to be changed. If everyone did this, it would change the conservation area.

However the applicant could get it through under county but as a parish council we cannot support this.

In recent housing developments the parish council have also insisted on there being thatched houses included.

It was designed as a thatched.

The applicant pointed out that it wasn't designed this way in its ultimate size now. Thatch doesn't last as long as used to.

They also asked if there is a grant to have it re-thatched in a conservation area?

The councillors believe there are grants available.

It was proposed that the application be rejected by D. Morris and seconded by M Clode. All were in favour.

ACTION: K Hatt to email the planning inspector the result

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

