

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PLANNING MEETING HELD ON  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 IN THE VALLAGE HALL, 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mr D.Beswick (chairman) Mr B.Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr Wally Elliott, Mr. G Osborne, Mrs S Mackay, Mr I.Dibben (Parish Councillors), Mrs K Hatt and 3 parishioners.

**1. Apologies:** Mr P. Waters

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None

**3. Previous minutes**

The minutes of the last planning meeting were read, approved and signed. This was proposed by B.Paine, seconded by W.Elliott, all were in favour.

**4. Determination of Planning applications**

17/00897/lbc, loft conversion at Neal House, has been approved.

**5. Planning applications**

To consider planning application 17/01763/ful, the installation of replacement windows, 42 silver street, Mr and Mrs Harris.

It is UPVC with grain effect.

Any comments from councillors? W.Elliott said he fully supported it.

W.Elliott proposed that we accept in principle, G.Osborne seconded, all in favour.

To consider planning application 17/01994/lbc, installation of 4 CCTV cameras, Lattice Cottage, Mr and Mrs Lockhart.

D.Beswick asked the councillors for views.

B.Paine said that according to Avon and Somerset police we have low crime rate, it seems unnecessary. If I were a neighbour I would object on privacy.

Immediate neighbours have registered their complaints, including invasion of privacy.

D.Beswick said our crime statistics over last 3 years is virtually non-existent.

The plan only show three cameras when the application is for 4. It doesn't show where they are pointing, the arc, or where the fourth camera is. Also, he doesn't understand the need for them.

I.Dibben explained that where they are pointing is important to know as if images are taken of people walking past; the people have the right to ask for the pictures. You are not allowed to look over neighbouring properties at the rear. The front is slightly different as public highways. Being able to see the exact location is very important. If we cannot see any other properties etc then it is not an infringement of privacy. But when filming public areas it can get very tricky. The law is constantly being updated.

W.Elliott has looked at various documents – one being the surveillance cameras commissions' report – which has questions to ask- why needed? Is there another means? Effect on other people?

Privacy? Letting other people know, informing your neighbours?

We have been told that they haven't spoken to their neighbours first.

Neighbours also didn't receive information.

D.Beswick would like to reject the application due to privacy, the need, not wishing to set a precedent in a conservation area, the plans only show 3 cameras and not field of view, this was seconded by W.Elliott, all in favour.

A parishioner said that it is a shame that it has had to come to this.

D.Beswick explained that there is a continuing legal argument between the neighbours which we cannot comment on.

The parish council have to consider that it is not affecting just the neighbours they have issue with, but the effect on the whole village, should it be granted permission.

**ACTION: K Hatt to email the planning inspector the decisions.**

**Meeting closed at 7.45pm.**