

Lea & Cleverton Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Planning Committee of Lea & Cleverton Parish Council held on **14th May 2019** in the Church Room at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs J Cull, T Culling, B Gore, J Crockett, S Suter (Chair), N Maidment & D Maidment

Also present: John Parmiter (RFO), Claire Mann (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public

41/19 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs A Barnes & P Fuller

43/19 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

44/19 To receive any public questions.

None.

45/19 To consider the planning application listed below and determine the Parish Council's response. 18/08362/DP3 – Lea & Garsdon Primary School - Redevelopment of the existing 0.5FE size school site to provide a 1FE size school. This includes increasing the school site and providing a new building for three classrooms, a hall and kitchen.

Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Parish Council will submit comments focussing on three key areas of concern around the effective functioning of the new proposals. Provided the concerns can be addressed, the Parish Council would support this Planning Application.

- 1) **Management of parking, drop-off and pick-up:** in discussions, school staff appear confident that they have the resources and capability to implement the proposed travel management element of the "Travel and Management Plan" viz those "internal" soft measures aimed at encouraging reduction in the numbers of children travelling to school by car. However the school do not have the capacity or capability to implement the "external" traffic management proposals which will require effective and authoritative action at three key locations (a) the car parking/drop-off areas (b) parking in The Street (iii) the pedestrian/traffic crossing point at the entrance to School Lane. Safe traffic management undertaken by competent, trained and insured individuals with acknowledged authority will be essential; particularly where management of vexatious individuals and liability in the case of accidents will be key issues. As discussed previously we consider that the appropriate resources for trained traffic management wardens should be provided by Wiltshire Council.
- 2) **Design layout of parking and drop-off area:** we suggest that a more efficient use of land and parking spaces for traffic management could be considered, through a simple amendment to the proposed site plan. The proposed 20-space car park in the south-west corner of the site is a single entrance/single exit cul-de-sac arrangement. This single in-out arrangement will inevitably become congested, compounded by the effect of arriving, parking and departing cars competing for the limited space between opposing lines of parked vehicles. This area might be more effectively used if it were incorporated into the proposed overall circulatory system which would

separate entering vehicles from departing vehicles. This could be achieved through upgrading an additional 30-40 metres of School Lane and relocating the main access to the site further to the west.

- 3) **Maintenance of access along School Lane;** the proposals are for all traffic to use the lower part of School Lane for access to the school site. Irrespective of plans to upgrade the road, this has major implications for (a) the residents of School Lane in terms of need and cost of long-term maintenance (b) ensuring access to the school at all times. As discussed previously, we suggest that WC consider the adoption of the lower part of School Lane in order that necessary maintenance work can be carried out as and when required.

Meeting closed at 8.23pm