

**WITHERSLACK, MEATHOP AND ULPHA
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 7:30pm
In the Dean Barwick Hall.

Present: C. Carter (Chair), B. Duffin, S. Pickup, B. Wilson, M. Walford, J. Mason & 18 members of the public

Apologies: A Coates

This meeting was convened because of the Public concerns regarding:-

The Planning Application Church Road – 7/2017/5313. Land to the North of Church Road, Witherslack;

Proposal – Residential Development with all matters reserved except for access location.

The Chair opened the meeting with a statement on the history of the proposed building site then adjourned the meeting to allow the public to put forward their views/concerns regarding this application. The residents raised the following issues:-

1. The access to the proposed site, - Church Road is a single carriage road and has a 60 mph speed limit, with blind bends, no street lighting and no footpaths, there is no distance of clear visibility either on entry or exit. It was suggested that this application did not comply with recent legislation regarding vehicular site access standards.
2. Church road is a “school run” to Dean Barwick Primary School – some children often cycle to school. Cyclists also use the road, including organised cycle events.
3. Commercial and delivery vehicles use this road together with farm traffic, Contractors, and visitors to Hale Cat House and Garden centre.
4. The proposed entrance is an existing gated entrance to the field, therefore persons using the building site will have to use this entrance. No other suitable entrance can be allocated because of the blind bends further up the hill.
5. Many residents on Church Road park on the roadway adjacent to their properties as they have insufficient off road parking. This causes problems with visibility and safety.
6. Residents of Town End and Church Road expressed their concerns regarding drainage to their septic tank which is situated immediately behind the proposed houses. It also takes surface rain water from the Town End properties. The gateway is used by the Wagon that empties the septic tank.
7. The location of the proposed houses would impact on the neighbouring properties and encroach on their privacy.
8. The farmer from Birks Farm expressed his concerns with the layout of the eastern boundary and trees shown on the plans. He said the plan was incorrect and appeared to encroach on his land. The site was a significant part of his grazing land.

At the conclusion of the public participation the Chair reopened the meeting for the Councillors deliberations, which resulted in a unanimous agreement that the site was not suitable, and a letter of objection would be sent to the LDNPA highlighting both the residents and the Parish Councils concerns.

The Meeting was closed at 8.55pm.