

Coberley Parish Council

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held at 19:30 on 30 July 2014 at the National Star College, Ullenwood

The meeting was held to consider the planning application **14/02614/FUL** issued for consultation on 11 July 2014 and decide on a response.

Location: Land Parcel Opposite Windmill Farm, Hartley Lane, Leckhampton Hill, Coberley, Gloucestershire,

Proposal: Change of use to mix used for the keeping of horses and for Gypsy and Traveller residential purposes, together with the development of a stable building and the relocation of the existing stable building.

Present: Cllr Duncan McGaw (Chair); Cllr Hugh Piggott, Cllr Jo Thurnham; Cllr Sarah Webster

Also Cllr Paul Hodgkinson and members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Dan Powell

There were no interests declared.

The meeting unanimously recommended that the Council should enter an objection and that the objection should be based on the points we have made previously as still being valid, adding in some of Mark Kildea's points about the Cotswold Way and planning policy.

Paul Hodgkinson stressed the importance of the AONB harm.

He also cautioned that anyone stating categorically that horses had never been kept on the site could be called upon to sign an affidavit. Relevant wording should therefore be qualified.

Point was also made about why the travellers should need to move from Minsterworth when children are believed to be in school there.

DSM to produce a draft letter for Council members to agree. Once agreed and submitted, we will send out to the e-mail list and post on notice boards to help and encourage parishioners to submit their own letters drawing on the points made. We will also send to any relevant bodies and encourage them to object, eg CCB, CPRE, Natural England, Ramblers, other local parishes. Suggestions for any other relevant contacts were requested.

Although we know CDC will not comment until the consultation period is closed and they have made their decision, we have asked Paul to talk to them again to gauge their intentions regarding identifying traveller sites in the district and also how robustly they might fight this application (ie would they be prepared to hire specialised lawyers if it came to appeal).

The PC objection submission is attached as Appendix A