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## Minutes of an Extraordinary Council Meeting of Ford Parish Council held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Ford Village Hall at 7PM

Present: Cllr. S. Hanmer (Chairman), Cllr. A. Briggs, Cllr. S. Jones, Cllr. A. Horn, Cllr.

I. Mapp, Cllr. J. Southan

Absent: Cllr. W. Clyne, Cllr. A. Mortimer, Cllr. L. Walton

In attendance: Shropshire Councillor R. Evans, 1 member of the public

Clerk: Mrs R. Turner

ltem	Topic/Discussion	Action	
1.	Apologies for absence Received from Cllr. W. Clyne, Cllr. A. Mortimer, Cllr. L. Walton.		
2.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 Cllr. Hanmer declared a bias interest in Item 4i, planning application no 17/04403/FUL as she is friends with the applicant's partner.		
3.	Public Participation Session  A member of the public spoke in favour of application 17/04403/FUL. Cllr. Evans commented that some people are concerned about the bulk of the development whereas others welcome the employment it would bring. Cllr. Evans said that the planning officer will want to see evidence that the sequential test has been carried out and met. It was noted that an archaeological survey may be required as the site is of historic interest.		
4.	Planning Matters		
	a. Planning Applications for comment		
	Cllr. Southan took the Chair and Cllr. Hanmer took no part in the debate and voting on this item.		
	<ul> <li>i. 17/04403/FUL – Proposed Hotel South of Saffron Cottage, For Erection of 35-bed hotel building; formation of car parking and landscaping.</li> </ul>		
	Councillors had visited the hotel prior to the meeting to find out more information about the application – the applicant informed them that he		

feels the hotel will meet unmet demand for accommodation, including people attending other nearby venues for events such as weddings. The hotel will operate separate to the existing restaurant and will have its own eating facilities in the fover.

Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application in its current form for the following reasons: the council objected to a previous application at this site earlier this year and the key points raised in that objection regarding appropriateness of a hotel of this scale in open countryside and concerns over traffic are still relevant. The council recognised the potential economic benefits of a hotel and was therefore not necessarily averse to this type of use at the site. However, in order for such a use to acceptable it must be of a considerably reduced scale and demonstrate the sequential approach followed in more detail. The council therefore felt it cannot support the application in its current form due to the issues outlined.

Parish Meeting re Local Plan Review and Parish Planning, 14th 5. November, 7pm – Ford Village Hall

It was agreed to try and book the school for the event as it has projector facilities and the speaker will be giving a presentation. It was agreed to have a map of the parish with green/red dots for people to show where they feel development should go.

6. Payments becoming due It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Chq no /payment type	Amount
P54-1718	Landright Services	Fence and Grass Cutting	BACS	£516.00
P55-1718	HMRC	PAYE Q2	BACS	£274.60

Signed by Chairman	Date
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