

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th May 2013 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT – T.Lloyd Jones (in the Chair), K. Nason, C. Lowder, C. Lambert, F. Beard, A. Eldridge and W. Harries.

AN APOLOGY for inability to attend the meeting was received and approved from L Gamble.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the previous Planning Committee meeting on 9th April 2013 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – A. Eldridge and the Chairman declared a personal interest in the application regarding Eskbank House.

The following applications had been received for consideration –

Application No. 131084/U – *The Coppins, Wells Lane, Cradley* – application for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of a dwellinghouse in continuous breach of agricultural occupancy (condition 2 of MH208/81 and MH1676/81 – **No objections.**

Application No. 131013/FH – *Tudor Cottage, The Old Hop Barn, Cradley* – removal of condition 1 of planning permission DMN/102940/FH – **our previous objections stand. We see no reason for any change to the planning conditions which are there for a reason.**

Application No. 130843/F – *land at Eskbank House, Upper Churchfields, Cradley* – erection of a new dwelling – **Objections – this proposal is in a conservation area in the centre of the village and situated adjacent to the war memorial which is a particularly sensitive site – please refer to VDS page 30. In addition, reference to the VDS highlights that large houses set in their own grounds are a particular character type that is valued. We acknowledge the comprehensive arboricultural report but still have concerns at the removal of three trees (even if identified of relatively low quality) and potential impact on others in the conservation area. The exit is sited near a blind bend, extra vehicles will add to an already difficult stretch of road with limited visibility particularly during the construction work, the shared drive gives insufficient access and parking for cars belonging to both houses. Finally, because this is an area which drains into Cradley brook, the surface water run-off even into a soakaway could contribute to flood risk.**

There being no further applications, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

T.Lloyd-Jones

11th June 2013

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