

Minutes of Langtree Parish Council Extra Meeting 26th September

Those Present: TA (chair) PM, JC, GB. Ten members of the public attended.

Apologies were received from: FT, CE, DL and ME.

Planning. The meeting had been called to consider Planning Application No1/0874/2017/FUL.

This concerned housing to be built on agricultural land at the west end of the village on the south side of Fore Street. The proposed scheme consisted of 1 x5 bedroomed house, 2 x4 bedroomed houses and 2 x3 bedroomed houses. The meeting was opened to the floor and several members of the public voiced their objections to the development. These included parking difficulties at this end of the village which would be exacerbated by the access to this development. Access to the site and parking during construction were also a concern. The size of the properties would render the price beyond the means of local people and would do nothing to alleviate the need for low cost housing in this area. The capacity of the school to cope was mentioned. One gentleman thought that the elevated position of the houses would allow the occupants to look straight in his bedroom windows on the north side of Fore Street. Concerns were raised that the plans were for an area outside the building line and did not conform to previous development schemes.

The public were asked to leave while the Council considered their view. There was a good deal of support for the scheme which was presented to a high standard but it was decided not to support the plan because the houses were too big both for the location in the village and local requirements. It was suggested that a development of 1x4, 2x3 and 2x2 bedroomed houses might be more appropriate. Further it was suggested that any future proposal might include improvement of the sewage system for the properties to the north side of Fore Street in this area.

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.