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Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) On Site Planning Meeting

Held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 commencing at 2.00pm to consider:

PA 21/03400/FUL – Construction of a bridge across the A359 and associated estate track and landscape works on land Os 3600 at Manor Farm, Castle Cary and Avalon Farm, Galhampton Hill, Galhampton.

Councillors Present:

Malcom Hunt (Chairman)

Sue Gilbert

Alan Rickers

Alan Bartlett

Bryan Mead

Diane Rickers

In Attendance: Mr Paul Rawson (Emily Estate Manager), Mr Martin Harradine (Planning Consultant) and two representatives from Pitcombe Parish Council.

21/156. Declarations of interest: None.

21/157. The meeting heard from Mr Harradine, who explained with help from drawing and fabricated pictures a description of the intended location of the bridge. Some questions were asked. No vote was taken as North Cadbury Parish PC were not required formally to approve or otherwise the application. However, it was again observed that the degree of rearrangement of the country in this area had not been apparent at earlier stages in the process. As we have stated before, this appears largely to be due to the fact that the development of the Estate has been under appreciated due to the lack of a strategic plan or approach. There is a degree of mistrust in Yarlington and Galhampton because nothing has seemed to turn out as first presented.

There is now a growing concern in Galhampton that the Green Gap, running south west alongside the A359, will slowly disappear as creeping development of the Estate to the south takes place in the future. This development is a detrimental change to our landscape, which will take at least ten years to bed in and cover. It is, as admitted by, the Estate, not an essential project, it is merely 'nice to have' in an effort to soften the effects of the changes.

It is apparent, from those who live in the area, that the suggested positive effect on traffic levels is contestable. Against this background we cannot be supportive of this project. But we realise it is too late to refuse the Application. Nevertheless, the serious concerns, which we have mentioned before should be registered, both by the Planning Department and the Newt.

We have often enquired what long term plans there are and the answer has been "there are none". Time shows those to be empty words. We do not deny the truth of the words when they are uttered. This leads to the mistrust that exists!!

21/158. Resolution: Against our better judgement the PC supports the Application but ask that our words of caution are heeded.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

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