

Minutes of a meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council held on Thursday 16 May 2019 in Holme St Cuthbert Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs M Knoery chairman, Mr R Armstrong vice-chairman, Mr J Molyneux, Mrs S Donachy, Mr P Gibbons, Mr S Routledge and Mrs L J Housby Clerk

Apologies: Cllr T Markley and Parish Cllr Mrs L Stevens

Also, present: Cllr O Martin and 30 members of the public

Planning Application:

FUL/2019/0084 – Change of use of the ground floor area of the property from a A4 Public House to domestic dwelling – the Lowther, Mawbray

SD had contacted CAMERA about this proposed change of use – should have registered The Lowther as an Asset of Community Value, clerk asked to send an application (this should have been done before change of use application) will still send application his can take up to eight weeks to process

This is the last asset to the Community within the village, already lost shop, post office and garage, there is no other public house within walking distance, Part of the Allerdale Plan part 1 to keep communities vibrant, Localism Act 2011 is there to help if 'Valued Asset to the Community' is in place, to try and keep Public Houses and other facilities open

Members of the public, had observations to make about the statement in the application;

1. Knew it was up for sale, could not be found easily, no for sale notice outside
2. Inconsistent opening hours, making books look bad
3. When open beer garden was very busy in the summer 'When Open'
4. Did not encourage locals with loss of the darts, dominos and pool reluctantly kept Monday night quiz
5. No attempt to advertise, caravan, camper, campsite in the village or on the B5300
6. The property was not derelict when they took over, in need of interior work
7. The number of households in the village is 52 but many from outside the village used the facilities, along with tourists and holiday home users in the area
8. The property is not a domestic property, but has been priced as a public house/restaurant
9. The family have been living in the commercial property downstairs as well as living quarters upstairs
10. The Anson's also own other properties, they do have somewhere to go
11. The village Hall does not have a full licence to sell alcohol, but can apply for private functions

Clerk to reply to planning application with REFUSE stating the above observations proposed MK and SD all in favour

A consortium had tried to raise funds to buy when became available years ago, still interested but not at the price they are asking

Clerk to contact Westnewton PC to see how they went about the planning process

Cllr OM to report to Allerdale Planning the strength of feeling about this proposal within the Parish

Asset to the area, good for tourism, community hub, steering group took e-mail addresses to send out relevant points for letter, told to send as many letters etc to show their feelings for this change of use

Payment of Accounts:

RA proposed the following payments be made all in favour

CALC	£17.00	magazine subscription
Land Registry	£11.00	

Correspondence:

E-mail from residents of Albert Cottage, asking who owns the land outside their cottage, applied to widen road access when applied to extend the cottage, have had permission from Allerdale, local resident said she owns the land, asked if Parish Council who owned land, clerk sent to land registry for map of all Parish Council holdings, proposed MK all in favour

Councillors filled in and signed Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and other Registerable Interests, when signed will be put on PC web page and then sent to Allerdale BC

Highways:

Temporary 30mph signs getting over grown, clerk to contact Highways for some verge cutting, we realise this is early but signs are vital for safety

There being no other business meeting closed 9.30pm next meeting as previously arranged for the 17 July 2019 at 7.30pm in Holme St Cuthbert Hall