MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING: PLANNING. To discuss application 19/1603/FULLS Former Railway Sidings, Dunbridge

Held on Wednesday 7th August 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

20/043 PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jeff Channing, (chair), Julia Barnett, Peter Barnett, John Millns, Andrew Simmonds and Gareth Jenkins. In attendance were five members of the public.

20/044 APOLOGIES: Clerk to the Council

20/045 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS: Cllr Simmonds

20/046 COUNCILLORS' DISCUSSION

Councillors made the following main points:

- the sewerage system at Dunbridge had been reinforced but still had regularly to be pumped. The developers would need to be satisfied that it had capacity to accommodate a further 10 dwellings;
- traffic speed was already an issue in Dunbridge. Traffic calming measures were required given that a new junction would be developed to serve the proposed 10 new dwellings. A mini-roundabout should be considered opposite the entrance to Mill Rise;
- it was disappointing that no provision was being made for station car parking.
 There was already insufficient parking space and this would hamper further
 growth in usage of the station. It was understood that the planning applicants
 had sought for some years to come to an arrangement with Network Rail over
 a triangle of land in their ownership but this was assumed to have been
 unsuccessful;
- there was a question about what type of homes would be most appropriate in this location. The parish did not want executive homes (as indicated by a survey carried out around three years ago) but would welcome long term family housing.

20/047 PARISHONERS OPEN FORUM:

Parishioners' comments largely mirrored those of councillors.

20/048 DECISION

The Parish Council resolved to submit a 'no objection' response to Test Valley Borough Council and to comment on the need for traffic calming measures and to preserve access to the Network Rail land for potential station car parking.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Note taken by the chair in the absence of the Clerk