

Minutes of a meeting of Acton Beauchamp Group Parish Council  
held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>. February, 2017 at  
Stanford Bishop Village Hall

PRESENT: Robert Wall (in the chair) Richard Kuehn  
Richard Potter Francis Lowden  
Alec Elliot Kathy Smith  
Jean Morris (Clerk)

16 members of the public.

Presentation by Miles Dewhurst Managing Director  
Of Malvern View Holiday Park

Miles Dewhurst began by saying how delighted he was to see so many members of the public. They have ten sites throughout the country, this was an opportunity to enter Herefordshire; they have been here for approximately three years. High standards are maintained on their sites. He started off nineteen years ago working for Haven, in the high end luxury sector. Working at the high level expected, which will continue.

The sites provide their own facilities – spa, swimming pool, restaurant but no golf club as there is no demand for one. They want to promote the countryside by having a small farm with a shooting range perhaps a falconry and gun dog training.

There are 350 pitches at present, but would like to increase.

It was agreed that lighting has been a problem for years. Low lights will be introduced, which are not so intrusive. There will be a full traffic assessment. A pre-application has been completed with the planners. It is hoped local people will support the plans.

The public were given the opportunity to ask questions. What was the proposed scale of the development? The drawings in the booklet show the scale of proposed development; which will be lower than the barns, behind the barn conversions. How many? To be viable there needs to be 100, there are 320 at present in two areas; one down to the lake, one down to the stream and wood. Landscaping will be used to improve the site. Noise? There are strict rules and guidelines relating to noise. They are 100% holiday homes with no permanency; the license stipulates 156 days per annum.

Traffic is a problem – the volume and the junction opposite the Herefordshire House. This has been looked at. The maximum occupancy is 40% (Bank Holidays) but normally is 15 – 20% at weekends. The access has been assessed showing no significant impact but they are open to suggestions. It is understood there is an issue, which the experts have to resolve.

Low lights will be used, together with increasing the height of the hedges.

The visual impact has to be acceptable to the planners. There will be jobs on offer, but none at present. A shop, swimming pool, spa and restaurant open to the public are all anticipated. There will be structural landscaping around the new plots, there does not appear to be any against existing ones. Hope House Lane needs to be screened.

The site is now visible, which it was not twenty years ago.

Anti-pollution lights will be used, for both new areas and replacing existing ones.

Everyone was thanked.

Another meeting will take place when the application comes in.

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The meeting finished at 8.40 p.m.

The normal Parish Council meeting than commenced.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Patricia Morgan.
2. Declarations of Interest the book was signed.
3. Representations from the public (ten minutes) no one wished to speak.
4. To consider minutes of a meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup>. November, 2017
5. Finance (i) Statement of Account Balance £1,710.23

(ii) Internal Auditor's Fee It was suggested that Trevor Jones's fee should be increased. Proposed and AGREED £60.

6. Planning (i) 170144 new dwelling at Cross Place, Acton Green, Acton Beauchamp.

Mr. Poole spoke. He supported the original planning application, but this amendment is to move the dwelling; the foundations have already been done, in the wrong place as specified by the original plans.

He feels betrayed, as others do too. He hoped the Parish Council will support their view in rejecting this application.

The plan shows a three meter deviation, but Mr. Poole said it is seven meters. The concrete foundations are in the wrong place. The Enforcement Officer stopped any further work.

The applicant, Bob Oliver did apologize for ruffling feathers.

A vote was taken:- Support – none.  
Object – unanimous

Cannot support, shows a flagrant disregard for planning law.

7. To receive correspondence Clerks and Councils Direct and The Clerk.

8. 101 Local Government Act 1972 All members have to observe the Act; they cannot act unilaterally, if anyone does so it brings themselves and the Parish Council into disrepute.

All items that Anthony Bush, Parish Liaison Officer emails to the Parish Council will be brought to the next meeting.

9. Website Herefordshire Council have been asked to include our website on any website information.

10 Broadband at Sevington. A letter was sent to Councillor David Harlow which received no response. A reminder was sent but still no response.

11. Local Plan Statement was looked at. All the parishes need to be named, not only Acton Beauchamp. This will be corrected.

A vote was taken unanimously AGREED.

12. Financial Arrangements Statement The Clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer. Three signatures are required on all cheques. Trevor Jones is the Internal Auditor, he donates his payment towards the cost of the plaques in Acton Beauchamp Church commemorating soldiers killed in war from the parish. He examines the books twice a year, the External Auditors Grant Thornton require various financial information annually.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting 9<sup>th</sup>. May, 2017.

