

Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley & Langley Parish Council

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting Monday 4 December 2023 at 7.30pm Pitchford Village Hall

MINUTES

- 23.12.1** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and explained the proceedings.
- 23.12.2** **Present:** Cllr P Harrison – Chair, Cllr G Davies, Cllr C Culliss, Cllr J Long, Cllr A Hotchkiss, Cllr K Faulkner, Cllr R Morgan, Cllr T Johnson, Cllr G Ball, Mrs A Morris – Clerk
Apologies: None
Public: Mr M Hodge – Concord College. Local residents: Mr M Taylor, Mr M Price, Mr G Crowther, Mr J Glover, Mr S Pardoe, Mr A Davies

23.12.3 **Declarations of Pecuniary or Personal Interest – None**

23.12.4 **Public Session**

Mr M Taylor spoke on his and Mr Crowther's behalf against planning application Ref 23/04725/FUL – erection of new boarding house. He did not object to the erection of a new building on the College site but believes that the proposed location, nature and scale of this substantial building would destroy the views from the Acton Pigott direction, on the lane from there and particularly on the lane from Kenley/Cound Moor. He felt that the building should be set much further back from the road and better screened from view.

Mr M Hodge was given the opportunity to respond to these concerns and said that he would share them with the College.

Planning

23.12.5 **New planning applications** - the Council considered the following new planning applications:

Ref: 23/04725/FUL (validated 8/11/23)

Address: Concord College, Acton Burnell, SY5 7PF

Proposal: Erection of boarding house with staff accommodation, associated landscaping and parking.

The Council unanimously agreed to strongly object to this application on the basis that the proposed location of the boarding house is too close to the road. The scale of the building means that it will dominate the view and affect the beauty of the natural area. The Council strongly urges the applicant to reconsider this planning application and move the proposed boarding house further away from the road nearer to the existing boarding house.

Action: Clerk to research planning guidance to find material considerations to support this objection and draft the objection, circulate to Councillors and submit to Shropshire Council.

Action: Clerk to write to Concord College Trustees to outline objections and urge reconsideration of proposed location for boarding house.

The Council also raised concerns regarding possible light pollution from the proposed building.

Signed:
Date:

Chairman

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Action: Clerk to submit comment on planning portal to highlight this concern and request that any exterior lighting associated with this build include down lighters.

Ref: **23/04726/FUL** (validated 8/11/23)

Address: Concord College, Acton Burnell, SY5 7PF

Proposal: Extension to pavilion to provide sports hall, associated landscaping and tree removal. Retention of temporary sports hall until its occupation.

The Council unanimously agreed to submit a neutral comment but to seek assurances regarding the proposed building materials for the roof and cladding such that the new building will maintain a look which blends into the surroundings and the existing sports hall.

Action: Clerk to submit neutral comment outlined above.

The Council discussed concerns regarding the levels of traffic that will result during the concurrent 12-15 month construction period of works for the two planning applications. The Council unanimously agreed to submit a comment on both applications requesting that a very detailed plan for traffic management be drawn up ahead of work. For example, it may be a good idea to put in place a one way system for heavy works vehicles to enter via Pitchford and leave area via Cound in order to prevent vehicles having to pass each other on narrow lanes.

Action: Clerk to submit comments on both applications requesting detailed consideration of mitigation of traffic impacts as a result of construction works.

Time, Date & Place of Next Meeting

23.12.6

7.30pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at Pitchford Village Hall

Signed:
Date:

Chairman