



## Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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### PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7.30pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	<b>Parish Councillors Present:</b> Ms Phillippa Chapman (Chairman (PCM), Kevin Aldred (KA), Mrs Anna Grant (AG), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Tim Wilton (TW) <b>Members of the public:</b> There were 10 members of the public present <b>In attendance:</b> Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM)	Action
03/22	<b>To approve the minutes of the last planning meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022:</b> Cllr Mrs Munster proposed "the minutes of the last planning meeting held on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Mrs Grant seconded, unanimously agreed. <b>Resolved.</b>	
04/22	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> <i>Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests:</i> None	
05/22	<b>Application: P/FUL/2022/02159</b> <b>Proposal: Retain mobile home for use as an essential agricultural workers dwelling</b> <b>Location: Tinkers Farm, Quarr, Cucklington Road, Cucklington, Wincanton, Somerset SP8 5PB</b> Objections were received from members of the public whose main issue is the noise generated from the diesel generator which is in use night and day throughout the year. The yearlong use (not just during lambing season) is considered to be primarily for domestic purposes as the generator runs for two hours on and two hours off from September to April and at night from April to September. The vibration/noise disturbs the neighbourhood, being much louder in the winter months due to the lack of leaves on trees, and is considered to have had a detrimental effect on the wildlife in the area; six hives have been lost which, although unable to prove, experts have stated the generator was highly likely to be the cause. Solar panels have recently been fitted but would not create the sort of energy required to run the mobile unit. The original application for the barn was made under a neighbour's address causing stress to those residing in that property. This has now been rectified but the address is now noted to be under Somerset. It was considered by some that a retrospective application is making a mockery of the planning system due to the unit not having been initially installed through the proper channels with permission in place. KA, having spoken to the applicant, noted that he is trying to do the best he can and make a living. The general consensus among the PC was that whilst they understand the applicant's business is being started in a small way, the generator noise, whether for the mobile unit or livestock, is a problem which needs to be mitigated and is having an adverse effect on neighbouring properties. The noise could possibly be reduced by the generator being housed and the planting of evergreen hedges on the perimeters. Cllr Mrs Grant proposed "the Parish Council object to this application due to the noise of the generator being used for the mobile unit's domestic purposes and the hours of its operation, being late at night and very early hours, adversely affecting the neighbours. Furthermore it is considered that the noise/vibration from the generator has detrimentally harmed the local environment and wildlife. It is noted that should the applicant resolve the noise/vibration issues, the Parish Council would support this application." Cllr Mrs Munster seconded, the majority were in favour with one against. <b>Resolved.</b>	

