

OFFWELL PARISH COUNCIL

21st July 2021

Dear Offwell Parishioners

The Parish Council has been notified of a Planning application which will potentially have a significant impact on the Parish and the parishioners.

It is for the present Honiton Livestock Collection Centre to be relocated from Silver Street in Honiton to an existing Agricultural Building on Land on the East Side Of Tower road, Offwell.

The Livestock Collection Centre handle tens of thousands of Livestock Animals over the year. It operates on two days every week with farmers dropping off their animals to the Centre and then large Livestock lorries taking the livestock to abattoirs.

The Centre if the planning application is approved will result in a significant amount of additional vehicles with trailers and large lorries travelling along Tower Road and also along the lane passing alongside the Bishops Tower. This additional vehicular movements will also affect both the A35 junction at Tower Cross and the Ramsden junction with the A35.

As we are all aware there are already considerable difficulties encountered at both these junctions due to the amount of and speed of traffic along the A35. The additional traffic resulting from the proposed application would certainly increase these difficulties.

Councillors are very concerned by this application and wish to fully consider this application, the potential implications and effects on the Parish and Parishioners and also to allow Parishioners to express their views and opinions on the application to the Council.

The Council are presently operating under a legal Temporary Policy of Delegation to the Clerk working in consultation with the Chair, following Council virtual remote meetings no longer being legally allowed and the potential Covid 19 risk posed by the resumption of holding face to face meetings.

However, the Clerk and Chair have deemed it necessary to call an extraordinary meeting to fully consider this particular Planning application that would potentially have a significant impact on the Parish and the Parishioners.

The meeting will be held in the Offwell Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 26th July 2021.

In order that this meeting can be conducted in as safe a manner as possible to protect everyone attending from the Covid 19 risk, entry into the meeting at the Village Hall is subject to the following conditions of entry:-

- 1) That all persons **must** be wearing wear a face mask before entering. (unless they have a valid health exemption reason for not wearing one)
- 2) They **use** the hand sanitiser provided on entering the foyer.

- 3) They **record** their name, address and telephone contact details on the meeting register book in the foyer.
- 4) Then **use** the hand sanitiser provided by the book.
- 5) On entering the hall, to please go and sit on one of the seats which have been set out at a 1 metre socially distanced spacing

We would suggest that everyone who has internet access view the planning application on line by visiting the East Devon District Council Planning website and searching for the following planning application:-

Planning Application No 21-1798-FUL- Land On The East Side Of Tower Road Offwell

Change of use of an existing agricultural building and associated works for use as Livestock Collection Centre.

If you have any queries about the Meeting please either telephone or email me at offwellparishclerk@aol.co.uk

A copy of the agenda for the meeting is attached.

Kind regards

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