WINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of Winsford Parish Council Held on Thursday 17 September, 2020 at 2pm virtually via Zoom

PRESENT: Councillors: Colin Wilkins (CW) – Chair, Kevin Connell (KC), Sarah Little (SL), David Luscott (DL), Mel Mileham (MM), two members of the public.

CW opened the meeting at 2.00pm, and members asked that their best wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to the Clerk who was absent.

34.1 Queries submitted by members of the public - A member of the public expressed his support for the mobile communications mast and indicated his desire to have shooting discussed at the next meeting.

A member of the public left the meeting.

34.2 Apologies for non-attendance – John Bray, Patrick Watts-Mabbott, Parish Clerk Nic Kemp

34.3 Declaration of Interests – None.

34.4 To consider planning applications:

34.4.1 6/40/20/107 - The Old Village Hall, Ash Lane, Winsford, Somerset, TA24 7JE: Proposed change of use of Old Village Hall to camping barn.

After some discussion, members agreed to oppose the application on the grounds that up to 6 additional residents will place too much pressure on local facilities especially a. available public carparking space, and b. public sewerage disposal. The premises has no private car parking space and would rely on the already overused public space in the village. There is also no provision for storing bicycles. Also, 'the council has a record of the concerns expressed by SWW in 1991 when 3 new dwellings were agreed at Royal Oak Court in the village. In addition, the sewerage pumping station has struggled to cope and needed tankers to take away excess volume in recent years.

34.4.2 6/40/19/101 - Halse Farm, Halse Lane, Winsford, Somerset: Proposed installation of 15m telecommunication mono pole mast and associated equipment together with twin wheel access track. Amended Description.

After some discussion, members agreed to offer qualified support for application 6/40/19/101. They repeated the concerns expressed when the application was first submitted namely that further steps be taken to camouflage the site and that a commercial provider be persuaded to make use of the mast as well.

CW to forward both resolutions to the Clerk for transmission to ENPA.

There being no further business, CW closed the meeting at 3.20.

Minutes by KC in the absence of the Clerk

Date……. Signed…….