

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 27th JULY 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL
Draft until adopted by Council and signed by the Chairman**

Present: Cllrs Mrs E Brimmell (Chairman), Cllrs D Duckett, D Elliott, D Huffadine, M Jay and J Layzell.
Ward Cllr Tim Warren was also present.

The Minutes were taken by Mrs E Merko (Clerk).

Public Participation: There were three members of the public present including Cllr Rosemary Naish, Chair of the B&NES ALCA Group.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

16/167 Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs C Arnold.

16/168 Declarations of interest: there were no declarations of interest.

16/169 16/03382/FUL and 16/03383/LBA Middle Road Farm, Hinton Blewett

The Parish Council noted that the prime reason the farmhouse had been listed was its roadside façade, specifically because of the 'coved semi-circular hood' shaped porch. It was noted that there were other older, not dissimilar, properties in Hinton Blewett, which were not listed.

There had been several planning applications for the property in the recent past, all seeking to renovate and preserve the farmhouse whilst providing a home suitable for the 21st century. All had been supported by the Parish Council but rejected by the conservation authorities.

It was noted that the property was derelict and in urgent need of renovation with preservation of the front façade being vital. It was felt that the proposed alterations at the rear of the property, none of which could be seen from the road, would not have any degrading effect on the listed aspect of the farmhouse. It was further noted that the increase in footprint of the existing building was modest.

The interior alterations appeared to be minimal and would not compromise the integrity of the building. It was agreed that whilst preserving the character internally was important, it was also necessary that the farmhouse could function as a home in the 21st century.

With the primary concern of the Parish Council being that the farmhouse be preserved and renovated, it was proposed and agreed to support the applications.

16/170 16/03415/FUL and 16/03417/FUL Sedbrook Farm, Litton Lane, Hinton Blewett

Although the removal of a vernacular stone barn was regretted, and was felt primarily that the building was an essential part of the business of the farm and should therefore be supported. The Parish Council supported the use of neutral colours and matching the existing buildings in order that the impact on the view from the conservation area be minimised.

It was proposed and agreed to support the applications.

The meeting closed at 8pm.