

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee held at Church Lane,
Kirkby La Thorpe, on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 6.00pm

Before the meeting, Mr Malcolm McAllister, representing Thorpe and Asgarby Estate, met with Councillors and the Clerk at Grange Farm and explained the proposed plans for the buildings. He explained that the Farm House and the barn facing the house was being sold separately as one unit and the application was for the remaining barns to be converted to 4 units, each with garages and gardens. Some of the walls would be retained as boundaries between gardens. Some of the existing windows and doors would be blocked to maintain the privacy of the other dwellings and equally other accesses and lights would be created sympathetically. It was noted that the barns' condition had deteriorated over recent years and several roofs had collapsed under recent weather conditions. He assured Councillors that the trees to the right of the drive would be retained by the Estate and no further development, beyond the present application, on the site was being contemplated. It was noted that visibility for cars leaving the site was quite good.

Present: Cllrs Hipworth (in the Chair), Johnson and Main, Mrs D Scott (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Monteith and Rossiter
2. 14/1237/FUL change of use and alterations to existing barns and erection of garage/stores to form four dwellings at Grange Farm, Church Lane, Kirkby la Thorpe

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Main and agreed, that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Council as follows:

Kirkby la Thorpe Parish Council has no objection in principle to the application, which it feels is a sympathetic development of the property and a visual improvement for the site. The Parish Council realises that as a working farm the site had generated significant amounts of traffic in the past but suggests that widening the private drive would be helpful to enable vehicles to access the properties without damaging the verges, otherwise the danger is that vehicles will wait on the highway and cause an obstruction whilst another leaves the site. The Parish Council also welcomes any contribution that the development could make to the village community through planning gain. Roadside parking and traffic speed along Church Lane, especially when the road is often reduced to single width, causes a concern to residents. The development will contribute quite a number of traffic movements in the village. It is, therefore, requested that the developer is engaged in discussions, as indicated, to seek a solution and a developer contribution sought towards such a solution.


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The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.