

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at White Colne Village Hall
on Thursday 13th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Batchford, Cllr Bond, Cllr Brown Cllr Taylor (Chairman).

Also present: Clerk P Palfreyman and 6 members of the public

516.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Wada and Watt

517.DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS ON ITEMS SHOWN ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr Batchford declared a pecuniary interest as neighbour of the development of the application 23/00271/FUL

518.PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS – members of the public that surround the property for discussion stated they were not advised of the amended plans and only heard from neighbours. The clerk agreed to query this with BDC. Members of the public also stated that plans were hard to understand when only one ridge measurement was provided.

519.PLANNING MATTERS

Application. 22/00271/FUL. Erection of garage/storage building to be used ancillary to 36 Colneford Hill. | Land South Of Parish Hall Bures Road White Colne Essex. Revised drawings. Expiry date 13th April 2023 (extension granted)

Following discussion, the council agreed to object to the plans.

We strongly object to the latest set of drawings. The footprint of the building now appears to be larger than as depicted in the original drawings and is sited less than 1 metre away from boundaries. There is not enough detail about dimensions and some of the drawings appear to be inaccurate, in particular 268-2/S0/13/B with the roof line wrongly positioned and the drawing of a non-existent hedge.

Although the fenestration has been removed, the proposed building is unsuitable and dominant in the Conservation area and is higher than the adjacent garage at no 27 Colchester Road. It appears that the building is to be dug down into the ground which could increase disturbance to tree roots and undermine nearby properties. We fully support neighbours' views on this application.

Should the applicant submit a plan for a building of a similar footprint and height to that existing, then we would be able to support it, as we all wish to see the site visually improved.

520.DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

9th May 2023 Annual Electors' meeting

16th May 2023 AGM of the Council and Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the parish council meeting closed at 19.50pm