

GAVINTON, FOGO, AND POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th October 1990 in the village hall, Gavinton.

Present: Mr. A.D. Mitchell (Chairman), Mr G.A. Aitchison, Mrs. M.G. Mowat, Mr. J.L. Humphrys, Mr A.W. Frame, Capt. R.M. Sinclair, Mr R.J. Markby, Mr P. Turner, Mr. D.P. Moffat (Regional Councillor). Four members of the public were also present.

The Chairman welcomed the Regional Councillor and thanked him for his attendance.

Apologies for Absence. These had been received from Mrs C. Martin, Mr R.I. McCowen, Mr J.B. Elliot (District Councillor) and Mr A.L. Wood (Regional Councillor).

Outline Planning application for a dwelling house near the Green, Gavinton.

The Chairman explained that the Council had been asked to submit its observations concerning this application within 14 days and this extra meeting had been called to discuss the matter. He said that the site in question had at the moment five garages and a caravan on it. One garage had been on the site for over 20 years. The house shown on the plan was purely notional and not necessarily the house that would be built.


At the Chairman's suggestion, the Council agreed to hear the views of the members of the public present before making its own observations.

It was pointed out by residents living in the lower eastern end of the village that there is a considerable problem with sewerage at the moment, especially when there is heavy rain. It was also said that the loss of the garages would mean more cars parked on the roads in the village and that the site was very small and any house built on it would be very conspicuous.

The Council then discussed the matter. It was agreed that the question of the sewerage should be taken up with the appropriate authority and Mr. Moffat said that he would discuss it at Borders Region. It was agreed that, if the sewerage system is already overloaded, it would be inadvisable to add to the problem by the erection of another house.

The Council also felt that the village is already short of garages and parking space and would regret the parking of more cars on the streets. It thought that the site was not appropriate for housing, as any dwelling house built on it would necessarily be very small in floor area and also have to be low in height to blend in with adjacent properties.

The Council concluded that it would have considerable reservations concerning the application and the secretary was instructed to reply accordingly.



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