

## **Planning Committee 10 March 2022**

### **Tabled Paper for Item 2.2, 21/506401/FULL New Barns Farm, Box Lane, Painters Forstal, Ospringe**

Thank you for notifying us that this application is to be heard by the Planning Committee on this forthcoming Thursday. Unfortunately, none of the parish councillors are able to attend this meeting. I would therefore be grateful if you could inform councillors of the following points, which arose when parish councillors discussed at their meeting last Wednesday that the application was to be heard by the Planning Committee.

The first is that, as your report confirms, there was some contradiction between the actual application and the documents on the portal, which lead the council to respond as it did (paras 6.01 and 6.02) and we felt this was a reasonable response.

The second point is that although the applicant provided some clarification (again reported by you at para 6.03) which you forwarded to us for comment, there was not another meeting of the parish council in sufficient time for the clarifications to be officially and properly considered before the deadline for consultation. So, your mention in para 6.04 that “none of the Councillors wished to alter their initial views” must be seen in that light – it would not have been proper for council comments to have been made to you that did not originate from a formal meeting.

The third point is that when the parish council considered this matter at its meeting last week – and having had the benefit of reading your report - the council felt that whether or not the black cladding proposed is suitable in the location, and whether Eternit Profil 6 fibre cement roofing should be used instead of the existing tiles – is a matter of taste, with you being of the view that both the cladding and the cement sheeting are suitable.

Finally, I should mention that when the parish council originally stated that it thought the existing roof tiles should be retained for environmental reasons rather than replaced, we had not been told that the tiles are apparently not in good repair and will have to be replaced – this was stated later by the applicant but for the reasons I have given above we did not have another official meeting for this to be re-considered before the deadline for consultation and subsequent writing of your report.

Ospringe Parish Council