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SEDFORD PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MINUTES 5TH DECEMBER 2023

1. Welcome by the chair.
2. The Public Session (15 minutes). This time can be extended at the discretion of the chair of the meeting – None present.
3. Present: Cllr Crump, Cllr Ward, Cllr Wilce, Cllr Clark and Cllr Coleman
 Apologies: Cllr Miller and Borough Cllr Parish
4. To receive declaration of interests on agenda items – None.
5. Planning Matters
 To consider the plans
 23/01826/FM - 2 Poultry Sheds, Whin Close Poultry Farm – The application was discussed in detail. Cllr Coleman proposed that the application be supported subject to the following points:
 - Adequate replacement screening of the site utilising mature trees
 - Minimal use of lighting to protect the dark skies – NP Policy E6
 - Continued monitoring of odour and noise levels

This motion was seconded by Cllr Clark and agreed by all. Councillors also agreed that taking into account the size and location of the site that further development would be unlikely to receive Parish Council support.

23/02013/F - Solar Arrays Sedgeford Hall Estate. Councillors discussed the application in detail. Cllr Clark proposed that the Parish Council support the application subject to the following:

 - Clarification of how the solar panels will be connected to the Hall, and what route this connection will take, including confirmation that there will be no further damage to hedgerows and trees in the locality – **This must be provided prior to granting of permission.**
 - Provision of more screening so that the site will not be visible from the west on Fring Road.
 - Any lighting must be minimal and not visible from outside the site in order to protect the dark skies - NP Policy E6

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Ward and unanimously approved.
6. Former school site. The Clerk advised that a meeting has been arranged for Parish Councillors with the Planning and Housing Officers at the Borough Council Offices on Thursday 11th January. The Clerk has again requested the latest numbers of families on the waiting list for renting a council property in the northern part of the Borough from Borough Councillor Parish. Cllr Coleman provided some excellent facts and statistics regarding housing in this part of the Borough and will provide these details in a report so that questions can be asked at the January meeting.
7. Any further public contributions to the meeting – None.
8. Date of Next Meeting – 20th December 2023
9. Close – 18.50