

**Minutes of the Metfield Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 3rd December
2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

**Present: Mr P Mortimer, Chairman, Mr P Schwier, Mr P Twiss, Dr C
Osbourne,
Mrs S Hatchman, Mrs J Dowsett, Mrs C Pryce, Mr T Godbold
Mrs Lindsey Duckett - Clerk**

1. Apologies

Mrs D Fowler

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr P Mortimer declared an interest in item 3. Mr P Schwier chaired for this item only.

3. Application no. DC/18/01942 – Cherry Tree Farm, The Common

Re-consultation – Additional document received, Extension of permission of use

After lengthy discussion and review of the agents note submitted to the planning office, and written comments from the neighbours, the Council unanimously agreed to support the request for an extension to 31st May 2019 based on a Condition being attached that this would be the only and final extension allowed, and that all existing Conditions regarding impact on the neighbours in terms of working hours, noise, light and dust must be strictly adhered to and will be closely monitored by the planning office and timely enforcement action taken if these Conditions are not met.

4. Application no. DC/18/05077 – Skinners Cottage, Skinners Lane

Erection of a first-floor extension

The plans and a summary note were submitted by Mr P Cook who proposed the application but was unable to attend the meeting. After closely reviewing the plans the Council were unanimous in their objection to this submission on the following grounds:

The design was too big and represented an overdevelopment of the site and would detract from the Grade II listed cottage immediately adjacent the proposed extension; over urbanisation of a rural area; the property is outside of the settlement boundary; the addition of a large balcony area was out of keeping with the surrounding area/buildings; the suggested use of black cladding for the upper walls would be overbearing for the location.

5. Application no. DC/18/05138 – Skinners Cottage, Skinners Lane

Replacement of Velux windows and insertion of dormer windows,
construction of front porch and rear balcony

It should be noted that this application initially caused some confusion as the site is now known as Meadow View, the building plot which was originally part of Skinners Cottage garden. The Council were unanimous in their support of erection of the front porch but objected to the insertion of dormer windows and construction of a rear balcony. Plans for a balcony have already been previously rejected as being out of keeping within the site and it was felt that the dormer windows significantly increased the ridge height and massing of the building which is next to a Grade II listed cottage, and would be directly overlooking neighbouring bungalows

6. Matters raised by Councilors

Correspondence had been received from the Highways Department asking if any alteration to the current timing of the village's street lights was required over Christmas and New Year. It was agreed that the lights programme would be left unchanged over this period

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm