Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Thursday 23rd June 2016

Present: Councillor K Groom (Chairman), Councillor C Bamber (Vice Chairman), Councillor A Dicker, Councillor S Lott, Councillor R Benton and Councillor P Roach.

Mrs Bridget Knight – Clerk. **Apologies:** Councillor A Stone.

Items on Agenda			
Public Question Time	1.1	No questions.	Clerk
Attendance and Apologies	2.1	Apologies from Councillor Anna Stone.	Clerk
Declaration of interest	3.1	None.	Clerk
4. Planning	4.1	16/01889/APP – Land Adjacent to The Baulk, Ivinghoe – one new dwelling and double detached garage with associated parking area with proposed parking spaces for 4 and 5, The Baulk. A discussion took place regarding the application and the following comments made: Councillor Dicker – no objection. Stated the need for smaller, more affordable houses in the village. Councillor Lott – supports on the basis that it meets planning criteria RA 14 and SSP7 not much difference to The Baulk as one off, however emergency access might be a problem – fire resistant building materials should be used. Would like to see a TPO on surrounding trees. Councillor Bamber – design is fantastic but has concerns about access. Councillor Roach – idyllic spot but concerns about access and gateway effect and on neighbours with similar ideas. Councillor Benton – loves the design and the environmental friendliness but shares concerns for access and previous applications have been turned down. Concerned setting precedent for the future. Councillor Groom – wonderful but worried if it goes to committee probably be refused, unless a planning expert can be found to lift the highway objection. Bob Corn commented that this is not something new and there is existing access. There are ways of mitigating the entrance to The Baulk like Mr Mason has done to his drive from the High Street. Access to the wooden house which was granted is onto a busy road but The Baulk is off a quiet cul de sac where traffic is slow. Councillor Groom commented there would be a lot more traffic than Mr and Mrs Corn visiting their allotment once a day. Bob Corn stated he could build 3 or 4 garages up to 4m high and let to village residents. Bob Corn urged IPC to allow the planning committee to make their own decision and not pre-empt it. Councillor Groom said she would not represent at committee as she has lost every time she has and Councillor Benton and Councillor Lott said they would be prepared to go to committee.	Clerk/ All
		Carol Corn mentioned the allotments was sold to them as 2 Victorian Villas (remains of) and the plan would use the land most sensibly. The Baulk	

residents could contribute towards a layer of concrete to improve the access. She explained how they respect the area and would protect the environment. Louisa Stobbs spoke about her wooden house which was granted planning permission 25 years ago after lots of objections from neighbours and highways, she worked closely with the highways officer and made alterations to make it acceptable. She stressed working with Highways can help.

A vote was called: 4 in favour and 3 against. PROPOSED by Councillor Benton and SECONDED by Councillor Dicker. Comments will be added to planning portal with a caveat that if planning permission is granted IPC would request tree preservation orders on the boundary trees and foliage and the highways access be resolved.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.