

- 25/26 /266 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Gowing, Fletcher and Vine.
- 25/26 /267 **ALSO PRESENT** - 22 members of the public.
- 25/26 /268 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none received.
- 25/26 /269 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 25/26 /270 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - The Clerk advised that Cllr Charlesworth's dispensation as given at the previous meeting still stood.
- 25/26 /271 The Chairman explained to the meeting why it was being held and the possible affects of the decision.
- 25/26 /272 The Clerk/RFO explained to the meeting why she advised against employing a specialist lawyer.
- 25/26 /273 **PRESENT** - SCllr Martin arrived.
- 25/26 /274 **PLANNING** - 26/26/00001 **LAND TO THE EAST OF HOLYWELL ROAD** - to consider employing a specialist lawyer to aid in the Parish Council's response to this application at an estimated initial cost of £2,000 -
- a Informing the public - Cllr Gowing read the Council's first response to the meeting and the Clerk then told the meeting of Google Earth images she had sent later. These 7 images showed the site from 2014 to May 2024 with nothing in the field on each occasion, including the last one before work started on the site. The public were then invited to ask questions and give their opinions after Many of the public took up this opportunity to find out more and have a say. A show of hands revealed that of those present there was a majority in favour of employing a specialist lawyer. It was noted that those present were not necessarily a representative sample of villagers' views.
- b **PRESENT** - Cllr Charlesworth left the meeting.
- c **CHAIR** - Cllr Vine took the chair.
- d **DISCUSSION AND DECISION** - following a further short discussion Cllr Vine asked each councillor how they wished to vote. The vote was unanimously against employing the services of a specialist lawyer.
- e **PRESENT** - Cllr Charlesworth returned to the room, thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Chairman

Date