

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council held on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7:00 pm in Aldington Village Hall, Roman Road, Aldington.

Present: Councillors; S Wagstaff (Chair), L Guy, P Hannabuss and H Stebbings.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk.

183. Apologies for absence:

184. Declarations of interest:

185. Planning application [PA/2024/0118](#) – Bank Farm, Bank Road, Aldington – Change of use and conversion of agricultural unit to B8 (Storage and distribution) with addition of exterior cladding to match existing and provision of new doors.

Resolved: the Parish Council are unable to make a decision on the application as the documentation submitted lacks sufficient detail. The generic description of distribution and storage gives no indication as to the type, therefore the traffic movements are unknown as no information on this is provided, Aldington is served by country lanes that are unsuitable for large HGV's to access the site with ease. Therefore the application would appear to contravene policy EMP1 (d) and EMP4 (d).

It is also noted that the fire authority have not been consulted on this application.

186. Planning application [22/00668/AS](#) – Land south of M20, Church Lane, Aldington - Installation of a solar farm with a generating capacity of up to 49.9MW comprising: ground mounted solar panels; access tracks; inverter/transformers; substation; storage, spare parts and welfare cabins; underground cables and conduits; perimeter fence; CCTV equipment; temporary construction compounds; and associated infrastructure and planting scheme. *This development is subject to an Environmental Statement.

Resolved: the Parish Council's objections lodged in September 2022 still remain relevant as the applicant has not provided any response to the issues raised.

187. Planning application [PA/2024/0144](#) – Goldenhurst Farm, Giggers Green Road, Aldington – Installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic equipment.

Resolved: The Parish Council is unable to make a decision due to the lack of information provided with the application, namely the routing of the cable connection, is there battery storage proposed and has UK power networks approval been granted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:15pm