

At a public meeting held on 15th May 2024 in the Village Hall, owners of the Balti House Restaurant had outlined plans for the proposed re-development of the site. Despite the high attendance by villagers, Cllr Blake felt that the meeting could have benefited from more advertising as some villagers who might have had a positive reaction to the plans may not have been aware of the meeting. The developers plan to hold a future meeting following the feedback received on 15th May.

Cllr Burn advised Committee members that the 'Four Year Rule', regarding Certificates of Lawful Development in relation to retrospective applications for the change of use of a building to that of a single dwellinghouse, ended on 25th April 2024, although applications prior to that date may still be valid. From 25th April 2024 however, the 'Ten Year Rule' now applies.

Cllr Burn also alerted members to changes to the General Permitted Development Order (as implemented on 21st May 2024) in relation to the re-development of agricultural buildings. Details at The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/579/made>

A report was received that the EFDC legacy online 'i-Plan' planning portal had been taken offline on Wednesday 15th May 2024. Despite two formal requests to EFDC Planning Services by the Parish Council that a thorough migration of planning history documents to the new Arcus Planning Portal system be undertaken before i-Plan was 'switched off', a complete transfer of legacy data does not appear to have taken place. It was agreed that the Parish Council will formally submit a complaint to EFDC since some historic decision documents, and plans showing earlier extensions and/or the extent of original residential curtilages, do not now appear in the public domain.

It has been noted that bi-fold doors have been installed to the frontage of a restaurant on Forest Drive. The Planning Clerk would contact EFDC Planning Enforcement to request a full planning application for this development.

Cllr Gooch closed the meeting at 9.27 pm.

Signed Cllr Peter Gooch

6th June 2024