

Minutes of the Planning Committee who met on Zoom on Thursday 6th August, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Present: Councillors Hemsil, Edmundson, Moorhead, Lear, and Roche (Chairman).

0329/20 Proposed: Use of 27 static caravans for the purposes of human habitation as a persons sole or main place of residence at Magpie Leisure Park, Bedford Bridge, Horrabridge

Councillors agreed that the situation had become quite confusing. Was this 27 in addition to the existing Park Homes? What about the other permissions on this site?

5 Councillors voted to strongly object, and DNPA was informed on 7th August with the statement below:-

“This application again appears to be for ‘park homes’. Dartmoor National Park Authority’s strict policy is against residential development outside of settlement areas. Where exceptions are made, ‘holiday lets only’ has been allowed. In fact in 2013 (application 0181/13) Higher Grimstone Barn, Horrabridge was refused change of use of barn to dwelling from holiday let. This despite the owner’s family having farmed that land, and the owner wanting to live in the village.

Horrabridge Parish Council **strongly objects** to additional static caravans on this site for the purposes of human habitation as a persons sole or main place of residence.”

0337/20 Proposed: Installation of cladding to external walls of house. Whitburn House, Horrabridge.

Councillors felt that cladding in Fortex would be reasonable, but that Colonial Blue would be out of keeping amongst mainly white, stone, or tile-hung dwellings.

5 Councillors voted to support the cladding, but object to the colour, and DNPA was informed on 7th August with the statement below:-

“Horrabridge Parish Council **Supports** Fortex pvcu Cladding, but **Objects** to it being ‘Colonial Blue’. White, light grey, or a gentle pastel shade, would be in keeping within the Conservation Area”.