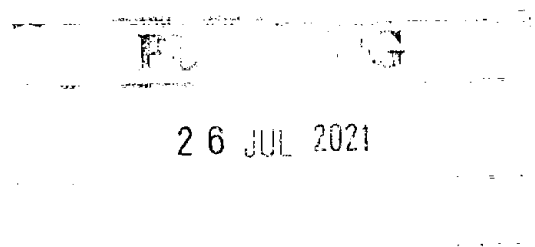


RIBCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Office

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Dear Mr Macholc

Ribchester Parish Council is greatly concerned by a failure in your department in the process of displaying the Council's objections to current planning applications which affect parts of Ribchester, on the RVBC website. There are currently three planning applications on-going in Ribchester to which the Council strongly objects. They have been thoroughly considered at Council meetings and decisions taken to object to the proposals. The three applications are: 3/20210505, **Oak Bank Farm, Stoneygate Lane**; 3/2021/0595, **Land at Preston Road**, and 3/2021/0056, **Higher Beck Farm, Green Moor Lane**.

In all cases, full letters containing the Council's objections and its reasons were sent to Planning by email marked for the attention of the officer named on the notifications. When residents started to quiz the Councillors as to why no objections had been made by the Council, this was investigated and it was found that the letters had not been uploaded. The Clerk then sent requests to have these uploaded. In only one case has this been successfully achieved (at the third attempt, after an addendum was uploaded twice, rather than the original objection). In the other cases this has not been achieved despite more than one request. The one which has been successfully displayed is for the Green Moor Lane application. The other two still do not have a representation on line from the Parish Council. In one of the other cases, the Clerk was advised that the letter had been uploaded. If it had, it has now been removed.

Whilst Ribchester Parish Council has some sympathy for the problems which all the departments of the Borough Council must surely be experiencing in this pandemic, it nevertheless believes

that repeat requests should all have been responded to by now. The outcome of this failure is that the local residents now doubt the Parish Council's integrity in stating that it objects to the proposals but apparently not taking any action to support these views. This is not acceptable.

I ask therefore, that you ensure that someone in the department takes immediate action to upload the two missing letters from Ribchester Parish Council to the relevant pages of the website as soon as possible, and that a check is made that if the closing date is now passed that it is noted that the objections were made within the period allowed.

An apology to the Parish Council would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Carol Milne

Chairman

Ribchester Parish Council

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