

Wychavon District Council

Notes of the Meeting of the Agriculture and Migrant Workers Policy Development Panel held at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 27 October 2008 in the Training Room, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore.

Present:-

Councillors:-

Mrs J C Dowty
Mrs J A Pearce
Mrs A Steel
(Chairman)
Mrs E K Stokes
K N Wright

Officers:-

Gill Collin
Phil Merrick
Chris Brooks
Kath Smith
Chris Wilkes

31. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes.

There were none.

32. Declarations of Interests.

There were none.

33. Notes.

The Notes of the meeting of the Panel on 6 October 2008 were received and noted.

34. Report of Panel - Draft Report.

This had been e mailed to members prior to the meeting. A paper version was circulated at the meeting.

The Panel considered the Draft report page by page and the officers noted their comments and amendments.

Members wanted more emphasis placed on:-

- the need to attract migrant workers because other non-migrant worker jobs depended on their employment.
- The need to highlight more the importance of the web site for information.
- The need to ensure reminders are sent to occupiers of temporary accommodation of the need for it to be removed at the end of the temporary period granted by planning permission, and requesting confirmation of agricultural status of occupants.

- That the help of parish councils be enlisted to gain information on unauthorised sites.
- That the leaflets to be sent to farmers must include information on the need to have planning permission where appropriate and the process for applying for it or other options available.
- That the background information be re-worked.

Agreed

That the final report be submitted to the Development Control (Policy) Committee on 4 December 2008 if it is held, otherwise the Special Development Control (Policy) Committee on 20 November 2008.

35. Any other Business.

There was none.

The Meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

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