

GODNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Godney Parish Council Members Present: Cllrs. Michael Gooden (Chairman), Christine Steadman, Amanda Ryder, Kim King, Clare Munday, John Holdaway.

In Attendance: Mrs D Boulton, Clerk

Public Time: One member of the public present..

GODNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 8th January 2018

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES** MDClr N Taylor, SCClr G Noel.
2. **Declarations of interest and Dispensations.** None
3. **MINUTES.** The minutes of meeting of 7th December 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed.
4. **PLANNING**

Applications

2017/3177/FUL – Land at Westhay Moor Drove, Godney – proposed market garden to include workshop, tool store, processing/packing room, office/shelter 3no. x polytunnel and 2no. storage sheds. Refusal recommended.

1. The land is low lying and floods regularly.
2. The peat/soil is unsuitable for growing and large amounts of compost or other suitable growing material will need to be transported to the site.
3. The lane is very narrow and not suitable for large vehicles to either deliver the building and building materials to erect the buildings in the application.
4. The narrow bridge across the drain is narrow and unsuitable for large vehicles to access the site. It is already damaged and should it collapse it would block a vital drain and cause flooding and the drain itself is a main point for disposing of a excess water in this flood zone.
5. There is no mention of provision of utilities to the site and there is currently no drinking water supply or electricity.
6. This business would rely on delivery and collection vehicles to and from the site on a regular basis and it is felt that the road is not suitable.

The Council wishes to encourage farming in the area and the new jobs such a business would bring. However, as there are a number of unaddressed issues Godney Parish Council's recommendation is for refusal at this stage.

5. FINANCE

5.1. Payments approved.

Salaries and expenses, outsourcing fees total £633.25

Stationery £111.96

6. **DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES** To delegate authority to the Parish Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to decide any urgent matters arising before the next meeting.
7. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS** – 8th February 2018, 8th March, 12th April