

This is a very brief synopsis the discussion at the Open Parish Council meeting on 28 October 2013 re the planning application by Park Farm

This application could previously be found on CBC website [CB/13/03334](#) but appears to have been removed. This may be because the final outcome of the meeting was that the application was substantially incorrect and the recommendation was for it to be withdrawn and resubmitted.

This meeting was quite lively with many concerns raised by parishioners. In the first instance it appears that the application has been incorrectly named, the plans incorporated the neighbouring house and a substantial amount of their land. Many facts stated in the application were apparently incorrect.

This is our understanding of what was said.

Mr Stamford made representation regarding the application and outlined it's intended purpose. Mr Stamford is living at Park Farm and has cleared away the broken glass from the greenhouses and generally tidied and made the area safe.

The outbuildings are to be converted to workshops (metalwork and woodwork) and classrooms. Mr Stamford intends to provide tuition to disadvantaged youths under the age of 16 in horticultural methods and practices.

Parishioners raised concerns over noise.

Mr Stamford stated that classes would run from 9.30am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday and not on the weekend. The application stated 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday. Mr Stamford said the application was incorrect, that he was not responsible for its submission, and promised no classes would be run on the weekend.

Parishioners raised concerns over increased traffic.

Mr Stamford stated that classes would be for no more than 6 pupils. A specific incident was cited that earlier this year a summer camp was held and that Park Road was completely blocked by traffic for some time whilst children were dropped off and gear unloaded.

Parishioners raised concerns that no discussion had taken place with local residents, that the only communication had been the open day (last year?). Mr Stamford said he had communicated through various public avenues to inform people of their plans. In discussion it appears Mr Stamford has spoken at their volunteer days and also gave a talk at the Moggerhanger Gardening Club meeting. It was suggested to him that these did not constitute public meetings.

Councillor Paul Petrie raised the concern that if the application was substantially incorrect how could the Parish Council or indeed the parishioners make any valued comments. It was decided that the Parish Council would recommend the application be withdrawn and resubmitted.