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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Parish Council Report October

The brief Planning Meeting brought news of the start date for the permissive path by the side of the canal, Monday October 16th when B and M will begin to prepare a footpath leading from Canal Mead to the top of Church Road and then on to the Road Crossing for safe arrival at school.

Both the application by David Langmead for Polytunnels on land south of the B2166 and Dr C. and M Nutting's application for a conversion building to a holiday home were registered as no objection after some discussion. Polytunnels are acceptable on HDA land while the unobtrusive siting of the holiday home will not intrude on the neighbours but add to the commercial demand for tourist accommodation. However there was considerable objection to the Sampson Smith application for the change of use on land west of the 1760 cottage where the proposal is to clear the space, increase the access point, prepare hard standing and erect a 1.2m fence in preparation for the grazing of horses. Hard standing to accommodate a horse box further diminishes the area need for horses which is recommended as at least an acre each, whereas this site is less than half an acre so concern was raised for the welfare of such an animal close to the road even overlooking the narrow pavement where school children pass.

Land North of Fisher Common Nursery where unauthorised building has breached planning conditions will be heard before a Public Inquiry on January 9th 2019 in the Old Court Rooms in North Street, to give a decision on a barn now used for domestic living.

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