

MILLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs S Lewis (Chair) F McBain, C Wilton and R Meeson.

1. Apologies: None.
2. Declarations of interest: None
3. Public Forum: There were 6 members of the public.

Comments were made by the public in the open forum. There were objections to the proposal citing there was no information if this was to replace the existing mast or to be a second mast. If it was to replace the existing mast what were the reasons? It was felt the mast is a health risk, there is a nearby school and the Stewart report recommended that mast should not be placed near schools. A question was raised as to why the masts are in the same field, should they not be in different areas to improve coverage. Would the coverage be improved or would Millbrook still experience the same blackspots? Have Telefonica considered other areas and is the mast for the benefit of Millbrook or Plymouth. The mast is very visible as the trees are deciduous and it can be seen around the peninsula

4. Prior notification for the installation of a 15m monopole mast complete with associated antennas, dishes and equipment cabinets

Application No: PA17/07849

Property: Land at Blindwell Hill

Applicant: Telefonica (UK) Ltd

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Wilton that the Council objects to this application.

The application form does not make it clear if the mast is to replace the existing mast or is in addition to the present mast. There is no information to state if the coverage in Millbrook will be improved.

The Parish Council note the applicant has taken on board the comments made on the pre-application that a lattice style mast had a greater visual impact than a monopole style.

The mast is close to a school which is contrary to the Stewart report.

The mast is too high and is much higher than the existing mast. The location on the highest hill in the area will have an adverse visual impact on the whole Rame Peninsula, part of which is an area of A.O.N.B.

It is not in keeping with the Rame Neighbourhood Plan Policies 3 and 5(iv)

Carried unanimously

The being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.17pm