

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH JUNE AT VERBEER MANOR**

**Present:** D E Parish(Chairman), B G Blackmore, E D Dennis, B D Graham, B E Holmes, R Steele, L G Vearncombe, R J Vile and the clerk.

**Apologies:** Mrs G M Godfrey, D R Maynard, J L Spearing.

**57. Held at the Verbeer Manor as a site meeting to consider the Planning Application No 4/59/96/0677. Change of use of land to Adventure Park/Leisure Use and Construction of Rides and Facilities**

Mr Les and Mark Snow, aided by Mr P Board(Surveyor), gave a conducted tour of the premises and answered the many questions asked by councillors, including items such as, traffic/entrance, parking, health and safety, height of rides being proposed, type of power to be used, reduced entry fees for locals, etc.

Following the tour, the Council discussed the application in full. It was decided that the overall plan submitted was a well thought out and carefully designed package which gave consideration to all the aspects involving the creation of a leisure park. The only point of concern was the entrance and volume of traffic. With the majority of traffic coming from J27/M5, it meant that it would come through the village, which could be a problem if the numbers attending became very high. A second thought was that if traffic also came from Cullompton, there could be a build up of traffic waiting to enter the site.

Despite these two reservations, the Council decided to recommend the application be approved but we should add that it was felt Devon County Highways should be asked to give early consideration to the traffic problem to avoid any unnecessary delay on the application.

**Closure:** The meeting closed at 12.15 pm

