

**PRESS RELEASE from Worthen with Shelve Parish Council –
27.04.16.**

The clerk of Worthen with Shelve Parish Council (WSPC) has been instructed by unanimous vote to issue a press release following a meeting of the above council on Monday 25th April, 2016.

**DEVELOPMENT SITE IN WORTHEN
Old Mill Close (16/00952/VAR - 15/04032/REM)**

Due to the complex history of this development site and the impact that the development is having on the local area and residents WSPC considered the above variation planning application to be contentious. With the support of the Unitary Councillor and numerous local residents the Parish Council voted that application number 16/00952VAR be referred to a Shropshire Council Planning Committee for consideration and decision and requested this via the planning department.

Worthen with Shelve Parish Council were astonished and disappointed when they were informed that this request had been refused. Furthermore, the Unitary Councillor had not even been consulted when this matter was discussed and the decision to refer the matter to a planning officer under delegated powers was taken.

WSPC strongly believe that this matter should have been referred to the Planning Committee for discussion and decision. WSPC consider that they have to bring this matter to the attention of the wider public in the hope that a full and open discussion of the impact of a potentially contentious retrospective planning application, particularly one that varies significantly from the original application, can take place.

Worthen with Shelve would urge other town and parish councils to contact Shropshire Council if they have had similar experiences.