

Emails between member of public and SPC

thank you for providing this update.

The one item I am unable to establish or understand is: Why was it when the swimming pool was to be retained as described in the Planning Permission signed on 18 December 2015, that this has been allowed to be removed and permission granted to demolish the swimming pool? In support of this why has there been no public consultation before this planning permission has been allowed to be amended? Should it not have been for the community to decide if the proposed cost of refurbishing the pool was acceptable and achievable? I will continue to try to establish why this happened and what specifically changed to allow this u turn to be taken on the future of the pool. It will be difficult to change this but public support is clearly in favour of saving the pool. I would ask that the Parish Council and District Councillor give their full unreserved backing to saving the Swimming Pool. Kind regards.

My response:

Dear , the process by which the planning authority approved changes to the original planning permission and the subsequent removal of condition 25 would have been down to the planning authority and we would recommend that clarification regarding this process is sought directly from BDC. The refurbishment costs of the swimming pool, at that point, would have been down to the developer and they established in 2017 that it was no longer a financially viable project, therefore consultation with the public may not have been a consideration (by them) as the public was not being expected to finance it or assume responsibility for it. It may have been an option for the developers to have put forward a proposal for community ownership, funding, and ongoing management, but they didn't, for reasons we have not been privy to. The Parish Council received notification of the Discharge of Conditions in November 2019 and this was duly noted on the 19 November 2019 (published) agenda and minutes-

<http://shotley.onesuffolk.net/assets/Uploads/Parish/Meetings/Minutes/2019/20191119-PC-Minutes.pdf> . Hope this helps.