

# Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Haddiscoe Parish Council

Held at Haddiscoe Village Hall on Wednesday 4th January at 7:30pm

1. In Attendance: Cllr Ray Long (Chair), Cllr Ian Fulcher, Cllr Chris Chigley, Cllr Chris Robinson, Cllr Robert Beevor, Cllr Vince Sheppard, District Cllr James Knight

Also in Attendance: Liz Fulcher (Clerk), Members of the public (40), Member of the press (1)

2. To receive and approve apologies of absence:

Apology of absence received from Mark Jackson

3. To receive any declarations of interest on the agenda item - None

Parishioner Marcus Aldren questioned Cllr Robinson about work he had recently done at his property and Cllr Robinson confirmed that it had been carried out with no declarations of interest relevant to the specific planning application being discussed.

4. To discuss planning application FUL/2022/0056

Cllr Long opened the meeting and welcomed Parishioners, he introduced David Abbot, Chair of Stopit2 and District Cllr James Knight.

Cllr Long then asked the Council to vote on the Planning application, with one vote for and 5 against. He asked the Clerk to minute it was a majority vote and this would be included in our response to Norfolk County Council.

District Cllr James Knight explained that only people living within a certain distance of the planned site would have received letters from the planning authority and a Parishioner asked if the planning documentation could be put up at the village hall. As it is a large document the Council recommended that Parishioners viewed it online via the link on our website.

Concerns raised at the meeting were:

- Traffic movement and road conditions, danger at the road junction where lorries will be turning right onto the B1136 towards the Norton Quarry on Crab Apple Lane. There have been 3 accidents along that road in recent weeks.
- Light pollution, including discrepancies in the bat survey for artificial lighting/light pollution
- Dust pollution - the site is at the highest elevation point of the village
- Sound pollution, the Train over 1.5 miles away can be heard from the village and gravel extraction and loading to steel trucks make considerable noise.
- Proximity to houses and businesses - if the plans were to be agreed then maybe the quarrying areas could start closest to these houses instead of the noise and pollution gradually getting worse over the extraction period causing anxiety for the people living closest to the site.
- Stress on the community, after previous applications and quarries in the local area.
- What would the site be infilled with? District Cllr James Knight confirmed that it would not be general/building waste as a separate planning application would be needed for this.
- Carbon footprint - There will be 100% pollution for only 50% of mineral extraction as the sand element of the extraction will not be used.

- Creation of bunds would change the rural landscape and aspect in the village. Grass does not grow well on sandy bunds and the trees on the plot perimeter drop leaves in autumn which will make the site much more visible and increase noise/dust pollution.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), currently 15%. Could a community corporation be set up to use this money for the benefit of the parish? A CIL is not applicable for this type of planning application. It is just for new housing developments. The Council will be looking into Local Parish Plans in the future which would increase any CIL received to 25%. Parishioners are always welcome to Council meetings to discuss how money can be spent in the village.

District Cllr James Knight reported that as we have a high level of opposition that the application would hopefully go through a Planning Committee, and it was important to request this on our consultation replies. If it went to the Committee then residents would be able register to speak in front of them to put their objections across, this is normally for a maximum of 3 minutes.

District Cllr James Knight recommended that the Parish Council and residents should request/insist that members of the NCC Planning Committee meet with parishioners who will be personally affected to fully comprehend the site's proximity to houses and businesses; the images and maps in the submitted application do not adequately represent the site in reality. Any such meeting to be attended by the Parish Council Chairman.

District Cllr James Knight advised the meeting that opposition needed to be supported by evidence rather than opinion and to point out with evidence any incorrect information within the application. Submissions must focus on matters like amenity, noise, pollution and highways, all of which are planning considerations and capable of being measured objectively. Template letters are not recommended.

David Abbott, Chair of Stopit2 spoke to the meeting about the association they have recently set up and what they have done in recent weeks. They have a retired planning lawyer assisting them but will require funds to aid them in gaining proof to fight the application. They are currently compiling a list of substantiated objections, and this will be circulated to members shortly before the deadline date.

Tony Burton, Vice Chair of Stopit2 reiterated the need for donations and explained to parishioners how they can do this (leaflets were also handed out at the end of the meeting). He also asked if anyone has any expertise in any of the areas discussed to please get in contact with them.

Cllr Fulcher suggested that parishioners living/working very close to the site boundary who have concerns relating to their wellbeing being affected by this development, should make representations to the Parish Council in order that the Council may specifically cite their concerns as part of the Parish Council's response to NCC.

Cllr Long reminded parishioners they had until 19th January to submit their objections. As there is limited text space on the consultation reply page, parishioners were also advised they could send in a pdf reply which enabled a more in-depth response to be made.

Cllr Long thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 9.20pm