

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of a Planning meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel Weedon on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr J Rose (Chairman), Cllr W Kett, Cllr S Gradley, Cllr M Talbott, Cllr J Sellers

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: 6

96/17 Apologies: Cllr N Winnett, Cllr T Jameson-Evans,

97/17 Open Forum for Parishioners;

98/17 Members' Interests: Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Weedon Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. None were given by the members;

99/17 Approval of Minutes. Members agreed the minutes from a Planning Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 28 November 2017 as an accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chair.

100/17 Planning. 17/04299/APP – Aston Abbots | Norduck Farm Moat Lane Aston Abbots HP22 4NF | Construction of a poultry shed and a new agricultural access.

JR gave an introduction to the planning application with a brief summary of a historical permission from 2006 which granted planning permission for three new poultry sheds, each 800 sq m. She understands the permission has been partially implemented (one of the three sheds has been built) which means the permission remains extant with no expiry date. The applicant, Nigel Williams had been invited to the meeting but had been unable to attend; JR read a statement from his architect, Richard Goodman.

JR closed the meeting to enable questions and comments from the public;

- Does the Parish Council know anything about the volume of traffic?
- Will more of the new traffic now come through Weedon?
- The new access makes a lot of sense to the business.
- Weedon's concern will be the volume of traffic that may go through Weedon therefore the applicant should have produced a traffic assessment alongside the application.
- The Aston Abbots Road is dangerous enough now without the added traffic flow.
- There is the possibility of pollution into the stream that flows through the area.
- The Parish Council should object and ask for a traffic assessment to enable an informed decision.
- A resident thanked the Parish Council for giving the public a chance to speak.

JR re-opened the meeting for the Councillors to discuss the application; comments included: -

- There is a need for a traffic assessment showing logistics, direction and volume.
- If the traffic assessment showed heavy traffic use maybe a weight limit on the lorries travelling through Weedon could be imposed and enforced.
- The PC should object because on the face of it the proposed development would inevitably increase traffic volume through Weedon.
- The PC should request a traffic assessment.
- It will be a safety issue through Weedon.
The objection should be limited to traffic volume. There is already permission for 3 chicken sheds, one of which has been developed. If this application were granted the scale of the existing egg production facility could be increased by a factor of four with obvious traffic implications for Weedon.
- The Members **RESOLVED** to Oppose the application due to the increase in HGV traffic resulting from the intensification of the business (10,000 more birds). It would also ask for a full traffic assessment, including size and weight of vehicles, frequency, times of day and direction of travel in and out. The objection would also mention the possibility of weight restrictions in Weedon. Finally it would request that if the application were to be approved, the applicant should explicitly give up at least one of the sheds permitted by the 2006 permission; Otherwise it would mean eventually 4 sheds could be built, intensifying the traffic even further.

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101/17 Finance & Accounts.

a To draw cheques for this meeting.

December payments

Treasurers Account7936	30 November 2017	1000.00
Business Account3205	30 November 2017	30903.72
Business Account3205	Interest – 9 November 2017	1.40

Direct Debits

OPUS energy , invoices 10.10.2017-09.11.2017	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	DD	110.90
Green Thumb , ref Chapel, 1 November 17	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb , ref Play area, 1 November 17	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00

Bank Transfer

ER Millard , office, mileage, postage etc	LGA 1972, s111		661.29
ER Millard , Oct, Nov, Dec Remunerations	LGA 1972, 112		885.77
HMRC, 3 rd Quarter	LGA 1972, 112		4.60

102/17 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 17 January 2018 in The Old Schoolroom

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....