

## WORLINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### ***All Councillors are reminded of their obligations under the Code of Conduct Regulations.***

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Community Centre.

Attendance	Brian Smallcombe (Chair) (BS)	Juliet Pierce (Vice-Chair) (JP)
	Richard Quinton (RQ)	Adrian Smith (AS)
	Jackie Quinton (JQ)	Andrew Nunn (AN)
	Carol Garrett (CG)	

There were 4 parishioners present at the meeting.

#### Public Contributions

The Chair asked if anyone present wished to make any representations regarding the items for discussion on the agenda.

Concern was expressed that regarding application DC/18/00124, Home Farm, Newtown, demolition of 9 no. poultry houses and erection of 6 no. poultry houses, there didn't appear to be a statutory yellow notice anywhere on or near the site. As a result, there may be other parishioners who are unaware of the application and therefore have had no opportunity to express their views. The Clerk agreed to bring this issue to the attention of the District Council, request that a notice is displayed as soon as possible and that the consultation period be extended as a result.

The Chair thanked those present for their input and stated that the Council would take all the matters raised into consideration.

#### WPC 18-02-01 Apologies for Absence

Michael Howard (MH) offered his apologies due to prior commitments, but he had forwarded comments via the Parish Clerk for consideration

#### WPC 18-02-02 Declaration of Interests

None were declared

#### WPC 17-06-03 To consider planning applications that have been submitted since the last meeting:

- DC/18/00124 – Home Farm, Newtown, Worlingworth – demolition of 9 no. poultry houses and erection of 6 no. poultry houses

Councillors had all studied the application in advance of the meeting. After discussion, it was decided to submit **an Objection** to the application pending clarification this decision is based on the following points:

- The Parish Council do not want to discourage modernisation of business in the area, however, there are worries over the proposed expansion of the site and the adverse impact that the additional traffic would have on the village, with road safety and damage to verges being of particular concern due to the size of the vehicles accessing the site. Has there been a site visit from the planning authorities to view the site and consider the proposed expansion and compliance with statutory regulations?
- Parishioners who live close to the site report that the design statement is inaccurate with respect to the hours of work. The use of the word 'occasional' to cover works outside of the 7 am to 6 pm period is too vague and there are reports that

operations are regularly carried out on the site from 3 am, including vehicle movements to and from the site.

- Every six weeks there is considerable noise and odour coming from the site due to the production cycle and the cleaning of the sheds; with the proposed expansion this would increase and have a detrimental impact on those living nearby and to members of the public using footpaths that cross the site.
- There are also concerns about the accuracy of the design statement in relation to the bio-security of the site, with walkers finding that water from the shed cleaning process can currently be often be found pooling on site across the footpath. There are already issues that walkers have been forced off the footpath as the site owner has not maintained the boundary hedge correctly and therefore walkers and dogs are having to pass much closer to the chicken sheds than they should. In order to provide for better bio-security to both the chicken operations and public using the rights of way on the site the Parish Council asks that a relocation of the footpath to the edge of the site, properly fenced and maintained, is considered as part of the planning application. The need to maintain correct bio-security is recognised as of particular importance with recent reports of outbreaks of avian flu in the area.
- Although there is mention of the height of the new buildings in the design statement, there is no comparison in the application to the old sheds, this and the much bigger feed hoppers that are proposed have caused worries about the visual impact upon the surrounding area, with the increasing industrialisation of the site.

JP proposed, AS seconded and **THIS WAS RESOLVED.**

- Any other applications received to date (if applicable)

There were no further applications requiring consideration.

#### WPC 18-02-07 Matters for consideration at the Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Items already on agenda:

Communications Strategy	Public Access Defibrillator
Adoption of Budget	Re-Adoption of Collated Standing Orders & Policies
Survey Meeting	Save our Swan Update
Upgrade of Village Website	GDPR Update
Emergency Plan Update	PC Whiting Memorial maintenance update

Additional items for the agenda:

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There being no further business requiring the attention of the Parish Council, the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm. The next meeting is set for **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018** at 7.30 pm.

Sarah Clare  
Parish Clerk

Brian Smallcombe  
Chair