



North Luffenham Parish Council

Minutes of the North Luffenham Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting (virtual) held on **Tuesday 5th May @ 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr's Smith, Cade, Burrows, Anker, Canham and Bishop and County Cllr's Waller and Bool.

There was one member of the public present, Tim Collins who had been invited to contribute due to his environmental/ecological expertise

53/20 Apologies: Cllr's Mason and Sewell

54/20 Declarations of Interest. All Cllr's have been granted exemption. Cllr Canham declared that whilst she did not have a direct pecuniary interest, she would like it noted that she may have a conflict of interest due to part of her family being involved with haulage. Ward Cllrs confirmed that this was acceptable

55/20 Chairman's Report. Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prior to the discussion on the main point of the meeting he advised the following

- RCC Local Plan; there had been a good response to the online questionnaire that had been put on the website which would enable the PC to put in a good response
- PCLG; Cllr's Smith and Anker had been involved in a virtual meeting earlier in the day. Tim Collins had also contributed. The campaign was to be titled 'Fight for Rutland' A new website has been developed and will launch in mid-May. The campaign was looking to raise £100k to cover legal costs, marketing etc. Individuals, PC's can contribute to the fund-raising efforts.
- Neighbourhood Plan; This was progressing with fortnightly meetings (virtual) taking place. A revised SLA had been received from RCC. A 'Project Plan' was to be discussed at the next meeting on the 11th May. This will be circulated to the Parish Council.

56/20 **Planning: Cllr Burrows**

Reference: 2019/0736/FUL

PROPOSAL Change of use of hardstanding from an airfield to B8 vehicle storage (Retrospective) Land at St George's Barracks Welland Road Edith Weston Rutland. Comments should be made by **9 May 2020**

Cllr Burrows outlined the full scope of the retrospective planning application in terms of number of lorries (tractor units and trailers), proposed traffic movements etc. It was confirmed that lorries started to be parked there following the closure of the golf club approx. 12 months ago. Mention was made that Ellis's had previously had permission to park there though it was thought that part of their license had expired.

Tim Collins then gave a report on the environmental impact the parking of the trailers was having, including photographs. Since the closure of the runways, grass etc had

started to cover the edges and this had proved ideal habitat for lizards. With the lorries arriving this ingress had been cleared disrupting their habitat along with the overhang of the trailers. The planning documentation had completely ignored the impact on EU protected species.

Cllr's were unanimous that the PC should object to the retrospective application on the following grounds:

- does not fit with local plan,
- traffic movements could not be satisfactorily monitored,
- road junctions especially at Pennine way were not suitable
- ecological and environmental issues not considered
- 10 yr. lease inappropriate
- It was retrospective

Cllr Burrows would submit the response using some of the arguments put forward by EW but leading on the ecological impact.

It was noted that this planning application should not be dealt with under 'delegated powers' by RCC, this point having already been made to RCC planning officers.

57/20 Report from the Community Centre Working Group. Cllr Smith advised that ongoing discussions were still taking place both with the school and RCC, though they had been disrupted to a certain extent by the lockdown. Terms of reference had been drafted, with ongoing discussions about costings still being discussed with the school. A community centre committee will need to be set up, being made up of 3 Cllrs and 3 residents.

58/20 Date of next meeting (virtual); Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th May 2020 @ 7.00pm

Meeting Closed 8.35pm