

Flagg Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016
Held in the Village Hall, Flagg at 8:10pm

Present: Cllr Jean Dicken (Chair) In attendance: Laura McNulty (Clerk)
Cllr Jim Harris
Cllr Sue Naylor Visiting Speaker: Chris Fridlington (PDNP)
Cllr Mavis Mycock
Cllr Val Palfreyman

Apologies: None Members of the Community: GM, BB, AM, ER, MR, BW,
AW, PL,

01/07/16

Planning – Guest speaker Mr Chris Fridlington

Mr Fridlington (CF) kindly updated all present on the progress of a planning application by The Knackers Yard to install a building to house a macerator/rendering plant that reduces carcasses to bone meal (bio-mass), oil and water. This is proving contentious to some village residents.

Councillors had been to The Knackers Yard to see a working example similar to the proposed installation. CF distributed copies of a response to recent queries and concerns. This response stated that the proposed installation would be odour neutral. CF stated that the EHO was satisfied with the proposed noise and odour levels, and that DCC Highways are satisfied with predicted vehicle usage.

Residual concerns are:

- The process will increase traffic (mostly HGV) to the site catering for a higher quantity of carcasses.
- The process will increase traffic (mostly HGV) from the site to remove the waste water (to be cleaned at a different location), bone meal and excess oil (most to be used to provide onsite fuel).
- Increase to overall site size.
- Possible (denied by planners) increase to odour and noise pollution.

A member of the community asked if statements made on behalf of The Knackers Yard such as 'odour neutral' were backed by law? Was it possible to prosecute if they were proved at a later date to be incorrect? CF was not sure if this was a legal statement of fact.

A member of the community mentioned that there is presently a law with regard to odour emissions, but that in their opinion the site was already emitting excessive odours making it unpleasant for local residents.

There followed a long and involved discussion on what noise and odour is presently emitted and suspicions on how the proposed new plant will increase these. CF agreed that it was difficult to be able to state definitely how much the residual concerns will be realised.

Dates of note are:

- 29/07/16 – Last comments/objections to be received by.
- 05/08/16 – Report Published
- 12/08/16 – Planning Committee to meet and decide (15 speakers may be present to put forward the case for and against).

The Parish Council agreed to write and state an objection to the planning application on the grounds of the residual concerns and the directly stated concerns from members of the Parish.

Action: LM to write to PDNP Planning with objections.

Note: LM wrote via email attachment on 22/07/16

02/07/16

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 were agreed and proposed as accurate by Cllr Palfreyman, seconded by Cllr Mycock and signed as correct.

03/07/16

Matters Arising

EE – No longer prepared to consider installing boosters despite dis-satisfaction and very poor signal. EE stated that they believe the signal to be adequate.

Defibrillator – No feedback.

Footpath – PDNP wrote to state that the footpath in their opinion has not been diverted. Councillors agreed that this matter was now discharged.

Potholes – filled prior to a much publicised bike race. Matter discharged.

04/07/16

Finance

Land rent requests have been sent.

A regulatory finance statement has been added to the website.

05/07/16

Correspondence and Planning

The following planning applications have been received:

None

The following planning decisions have been received:

- Temp Static caravan off Moor Lane – granted
- Erection of agricultural building off Moor Lane – granted
- Erection of garage and plant room at High Stool Farm - granted

Correspondence included:

- Certificate of Employers Liability Insurance (01/06/16 – 31/05/17)
- Email response re footpath
- Generic publicity/advertising/marketing materials
- Various DALC circulars and notifications

06/07/16

Open Session

Held at the beginning of the meeting.

Any Other Business

Councillors agreed to remove the 'no parking' sign from the recycling site to encourage visitors not to park on the main road.

Meeting closed at 9:25pm

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7:30pm in Flagg Village Hall**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____