

**Minutes of the meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm in Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

**Present:** G Downes, S Taylor, T Thomson, G Perry, M Rowland, M Mitchell, F Shellard (Chair)  
J House (Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** P House, V Rowland, S Milner, J Lake, M Lake, P Woodall, S Thorsby,  
T Chapman, J Taylor

**Apologies:** J Mason

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies and the reasons for absence were noted as above.

**2. Matters to be raised by members of the public**

T Chapman informed the meeting that she had correspondence with RDC and Kevin Hollinrake MP on the subject of recycling waste blowing around the village on recycling days because lids for the recycling boxes would not be removed from the boxes by the operatives, so residents did not use them. She has now been told that where lids are used they will be removed and the boxes emptied. T Chapman will now contact RDC to enquire about the best way of distributing lids.

S Taylor asked T Chapman when she contacted RDC to request that if the operatives placed the boxes back on the pavement instead of throwing them the boxes themselves would remain intact and free of damage.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

**4. Matters arising from those minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Finance and Governance**

There was one invoice for payment which was approved.

Village Hall hire for 2017            £67.50

In the next few days there will be charges for HMRC (£65) and Autela (£24), these charges were approved for the clerk to make payment as charges will be incurred if there is a delay in payment. It was noted that there is also the YLCA membership fee which is due before the end of the year.

When the invoice above has been paid the balances at the Bank will be:

Current Account £2277.93

Reserve Account £4924.82

The audit is due at the end of the month and the Clerk will process the necessary paperwork. The Clerk will send the end of year accounts to all Councillors before presenting them for audit, as these would normally be presented later in the month, nearer to the end of the year, but our meeting is early this month.

Yorkshire Internal Audit were appointed as the internal auditor for the 2017 to 2018 accounts.

## 6. Correspondence:

An email had been received regarding various initiatives by the Community Team at RDC re dog fouling, which were noted by the Council. It was felt that generally we do not have a problem with dog fouling in the village. It was pointed out that it is now illegal to take a dog for a walk without being in possession of a waste bag. The Clerk will obtain the updated poster from RDC's website and place them where outdated posters are at present.

The only area of the village where there does seem to be a problem is Ropery Lane and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask RDC to install a dog waste bin there.

email from YLCA on a consultation by DEFRA on crime and poor performance in the waste sector and introduction of a fixed penalty for the waste duty of care. There are 4 questions to answer, which the Council debated and the Clerk will feed these back to YLCA.

## 7. Planning

The council had been consulted on changes to the extension at Harkaway, by email, no objections were raised, and RDC had been informed.

### Amendments to the application for Vellco have to be considered

An amendment had been received to the previous application for the Vellco site. Although there are changes to the make up of the application it was noted that RDC had not changed the original title of the application.

The key points:

The southern wing of the original U shaped building has now been removed and the proposed L shaped building is to be moved 2metres south and west to increase the landscaped buffer from 13metres to 15 metres.

The consultant states that the removal of 2400 sq metres of building will open up the southern portion of the site to open land. They clearly will be utilising that space with open stacks of tyres as they state that they need more space to store less tyres because of the "new" fire regulations which were introduced in July 2016. These regulations limit each pile to 450 cubic metres, 4 metres high and 20 metres square with 6 metres between each pile and the site perimeter or any building. They also have to have a quarantine area (to place burning waste to extinguish them, should a fire occur) which must be within the site boundary and it must be capable of holding at least 50% of the volume of the largest pile.

The entrance will remain where it is but a new exit will be created on Ropery Lane, approximately 50 metres south of the existing entrance. This will result in the removal of trees which currently screen the existing buildings. Exiting HGVs will only be able to see what is on Ropery Lane through their mirrors as they will exit at an angle. Vellco talk about widening the lane, which will make the lane a wide road and be a danger to dog walkers, horse riders and children.

There will also be two inflation testing machines which require an area of 20 sq metres each and two Shearography machines which require an area of 40 sq metres each. They say these are shown on the plans but are not. This changes the overall purpose of the site from a storage facility to a process facility.

The transport numbers have been understated. They have reduced the transport figures to take away the reduction in storage space, but have not allowed for the transport associated with approx. 5000 sq metres of open storage of tyres. The residents have checked some recent

movements of vehicles and they are still at a level that they were at in July 2017. The present level of vehicle movements is more than they are predicting for the new operation.

They say that they are happy to have operating hours restrictions on the new part of the site which is neither enforceable or practical as the HGVs emanating from the original site will have to drive through the new site to follow their proposed one way system.

The last page of the Noise Survey shows the new buildings super imposed onto a google earth picture of the site. The 90 metre line of trees which were missed from the tree survey are shown where Building A is. This is in direct contravention of policies SP13 on landscapes and SP14 on biodiversity.

It is interesting to note that the RDC Planning Officer says that even with the new layout “ RDC will still have reservations about the scale of the proposed expansion into this area of the village. There are also outstanding objections from the Highway Authority and now from the EHO. Against this background I (*RDC Planning Officer*) cannot say at the moment our recommendation would be anything but refusal.”

The Parish Council’s letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 raised concerns as follows:

Operating hours of the site

Screening

Appearance of buildings

Construction

Bridge over the Gypsy Race

Flood risk

Tree survey

Traffic survey

Noise survey

Fire risks

None of these points have been properly dealt with, if at all, in this amended application.

There was substantial debate on the amendments which including the following which were raised by Councillors and member of the public:

- The Shearography machines will introduce lasers into the site which produce heat, which will mean a fire hazard and the inflation machines will introduce noise which has not been covered by the noise survey
- The whole scheme is more objectionable than it was before due to the revised entrance and the overall effect on the village
- It is unclear what the volume of traffic will be as the consultants are still playing down the traffic numbers but the residents have confirmed that the levels are still at the level when the full traffic survey was undertaken in July 2017
- There is still a danger from vehicles reversing into Ropery Lane without banksmen. The consultants refer to shunting as movements, which is presumably the unsafe method of reversing without safety measures
- A serious concern was voiced about HGVs exiting from the proposed exit as their only view of Ropery Lane to the south will be through their mirrors, and the likelihood of not seeing dog walkers, equestrian users and pedestrians in general is a real concern
- The tourism industry in our village is increasing. There are 65 potential places for tourists in the village now and the increased traffic is not conducive to those visitors getting a good nights sleep
- The noise survey has been based on two points one on Main Road and one on Rarey Drive, but most of the noise is closest to Ropery Lane and this has not been addressed by the noise survey
- Nuisance noise from fork lift trucks beeping their horns has been reported to Vellco and RDC but it has not been eradicated

- It was noted that the addition of the machines previously mentioned will change the site from one of storage of tyres to a processing operation
- The consultants say that early morning vehicle movements are only of previously loaded lorries. The residents reported that they are often fuelled at 5 am next to Ropery Lane and drivers leaving before the bulk of the workforce arrive, exit the site and leave the vehicle idling in Ropery Lane whilst they lock the gate
- Although the consultants have been present at two recent meetings, there has been no real consultation with the village, and requests by residents present at those meetings have not been taken into account
- Removal of trees to create the new exit will take away screening of the existing buildings and contravene the biodiversity policies of RDC. Particular mention was made of the increasing number of Barn Owls around the site location and the damage that could be incurred to that population by removal of trees
- Reports of unwanted letters by residents about objecting to the proposal were reported by an absent Councillor

At the conclusion of the debate the Councillors present voted to **object** to the revised proposal. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter to RDC which has an extended deadline (granted by RDC) of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Post meeting note: The approval date for this application has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The dates of the Planning Committee before that date are 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Agenda already issued and does not include this application) and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

#### Planning approval

Planning application approved for three bed dwelling on land adjacent to East Bank (subject to local needs occupancy or holiday let) (Land now up for sale for £49950 with misleading information saying the garages can be upgraded which is not what the planning permission is for)

### **8. Police Matters**

There were no police matters to report

### **9. General Data Protection Regulations**

Another organisation, the Local Council Public Advisory Service are saying it is not necessary to have a separate DPO. SLCC are also saying this. SLCC will publish their guidelines in mid March.

LCPAS are offering a Data Protection service for £150 pa.

NALC / YLCA have now published a Toolkit for Local Councils which is 63 pages long. It only arrived a few days ago so it has not been reviewed as yet. They recommend that the tool kit be reviewed by all councillors, so the Clerk will send it out with the minutes.

NALC have also lobbied HMG as the Data Protection Bill was debated in parliament today, the message is that the DPB and GDPR will add tremendous cost to local councils.

The Parish Council need to have an informed debate on how we manage the new regulations, once the toolkit has been reviewed, at the May meeting. GDPR comes into effect 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### **10. Street Lighting**

Bids were issued on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Once the bids are received back and we have costings the Clerk will apply for a grant for funding.

## **11. Village Green Project**

Updates have been provided by the Clerk in between meetings on various materials that are available. A Milner had been to see the "Duralock" fencing in York that had been identified by A Davies and his opinion was favourable. S Taylor had researched prices of metal sections which could be powder coated to provide a long life solution for use with a recycled "birdmouth" post.

J Fisher had reported that he had no intention of replacing the birdmouth fencing outside of the Blue Bell as he has maintained it in good order.

It was agreed however that if we replaced one part of the fencing, the entire fencing outside of the two public houses would need to be the same. G Downes pointed out that the Parish Council had originally provided all the fencing so we should consider doing that again.

The cost of Duralock fencing would be the lowest of the various alternatives.

A way forward was needed at this meeting because of deadlines with community funding and to get the project under way during the summer months.

F Shellard agreed to be the Project Manager and would arrange a meeting with the "mums" group to discuss things in more detail. One particular point is the resiting of the play equipment.

## **12. Village Green Registration**

The article previously distributed to Councillors for the April edition of the Warbler, was approved.

The meeting close at 8.50

Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting