

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Steve Gandy (SG), Chairman
Nicola Borkmann (NB)
Ken Hodkinson (KH)
Ryan Smith (RS)
Victoria Taylor (VT)
Stephen Warrington (SW)

Christine Coles - Parish Clerk and eight members of the public

The Chair welcomed Jethro and Ellen Thompson to the meeting.

23/81. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Collett (personal)

23/82. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda (*Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business*)

No interests were declared.

23/83. To consider and discuss planning application 23/02359/F, Change of use of farmland to equestrian use, erection of barn for stabling outdoor exercise areas and associated works at Hill Farm, Bakers Lane

The Chair first noted that the application detail was the same as presented at an earlier meeting. He asked Councillors for their views. Cllr Collett had concerns about traffic using Bakers Lane but that has been addressed and they will be using the Main Road. Cllr Borkmann noted that a lot of effort had gone into the application. Cllr Hodkinson had concerns about traffic and asked if volumes will increase? Cllr Warrington felt it was a good application and explained the detail. All credit to the applicants and their advisors who have been proactive in addressing possible issues. It was good for local business and the community and a strong foundation. Cllr Taylor felt it was a good application. Cllr Smith queried the land which is agricultural land and asked if it should be changed to equine use? Floodlighting is not mentioned and this has always been a big issue for the school.

23/84. Public participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of fifteen minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes)

From the floor a villager spoke about the amount of horse traffic already using the local roads. Bakers Lane is narrow and rental properties increase parking. Horse muck is found on the road but cleared up quickly.

A villager asked if the land is freehold or leasehold? Mr Thompson confirmed its freehold and the site contains the 80 acres in the field.

Other comments from the floor included it would encourage young people to go into business. The site is tidy and already there. The applicants have spoken to the village although not everyone knew of the plans.

The Chair concluded by noting it is already a local thriving business and would encourage local businesses. It was agreed the Parish Council will support the application.

Action: The Parish Clerk to respond to the application.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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