

ALCONBURY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Alconbury Weston Parish Council meeting held on Monday 31st October 2022
Alconbury Sports & Social Club, Alconbury PE28 4EX at 7:00 pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: M. Waring (Chair), K. Brine, N. Morton, A. Stone, D. Wheatley and
A. Brown (Clerk).

Members of public: 4 **HDC/CCC:** 0

103.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J. Baker(personal). Cllr P. Baker was absent from the meeting.

104.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

105.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Three members of the public voiced their objections against planning application 22/02042/FUL. The main reasons given by the members of the public for their objections were: the barn is less than 20m from a water course, water is not connected to any drainage systems and waste if flowing out into the open, waste from the dog grooming has not been addressed, no flood risk mitigation, the road only has a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes however business with a large number of HGV's could be attracted to the site.
2. One member of the public stated that they would ONLY support the application if the issues stated above in 105.01 were addressed.
3. A member of the public asked the following question: 'Is this retrospective planning application, a sideways move which will make it easier for the applicant at a later date, to change the use of the buildings from light industrial to residential'?

106.0 PLANNING

Resolved comments to be submitted:

- 22/02042/FUL: Retrospective application for Change of use from agricultural to E(g) & Suri Generis (Dog grooming) at Sallows Farm, 86 Hamerton Road, Alconbury Weston, Huntingdon PE28 4JD

RESOLVED: To recommend refusal of this planning application. Three members of the Parish identified themselves and objected to this planning application.

The Parish council considered the views of the Parishioner's and determined that our reasons for recommending refusal are:

1. The application pertains to an agricultural building on agricultural land. However, the application as submitted is "for a change of use in a residential area".
2. Throughout the application the applicant indicates that the application meets NPPF and local LPs, however the applicant has failed to provide any evidence of this at all.

3. As confirmed by the applicant the building is in current use as an agricultural building. This has also been witnessed by parishioners including visitors to the dog grooming business. Therefore, as it is not a redundant building, the applicant cannot seek to rely on the policy regarding the change of use for redundant buildings.
4. There is no provision made for the removal of effluent and/or waste in the application. The dog grooming business currently trading at the premises is discharging waste into the water course. This waste includes hazardous chemicals such as highly toxic insecticides used on dogs to kill fleas. Even in tiny concentrations these insecticides cause significant environmental damage and are dangerous to water insects, aquatic life, and wildlife. There is no detail within the application as regards sanitation for employees and visitors. The parish council understands there is one "camper style toilet" in operation at the dog grooming business.
5. The application refers to a space of 430.7 sq. mtrs and there is no information provided for what is proposed in the space other than the dog grooming business.

The parish council note that the application indicates that the applicant is not an elected member. However, the applicant is a parish councillor within Alconbury Weston.

107.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th December 2022, Alconbury Sports and Social Club.

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm.