

ALCONBURY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Alconbury Weston Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th December 2023 @ 7.00 pm in the Alconbury Sports & Social Club, Alconbury

Councillors present: Councillor M. Mobius, Councillor M. Waring, Councillor N. Morton.

Also present: Mrs. L. Clowery (Clerk) Members of the public: 4

The Clerk opened the meeting as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present, for the purposes of this meeting a chairman was needed to be elected. It was proposed by Councillor M. Mobius & Councillor N. Morton that Councillor M. Waring chair this meeting.

120.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – received from Councillor A. Stone, Councillor D. Wheatley, Councillor P. Baker.

Councillor J. Baker (Absent)

121.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item. - None received.

122.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A maximum of 10 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at the meeting.

123.0 PLANNING

To resolve to submit comments on applications where appropriate:

- 23/02285/AGDET – SJ Plant – To discuss the application received.

Planning reference 23/02285/AGDET was discussed first with the approval of the Clerk as there has been an update on the application since the agenda was published. HDC have approved this application without consultation from the parish council, therefore there is nothing remaining to discuss on this application.

- CCC/23/108/VAR Waste Transfer Station, Stangate Park, Alconbury Weston – To reconsider our response to the application received. In light of parishioners evidence. Councillor M. Waring had prepared a response to the application which was circulated ahead of the meeting. For completeness this was read out in the meeting.

At the Alconbury Weston Parish Council meeting of 27 November 2023 the Council decide that they would neither object, nor support planning application CCC/23/108/VAR as we were unaware of any concerns from parishioners. EM of Alconbury Weston PC – 20 December 2023

Item. - CCC/23/108/VAR Waste Transfer Station, Stangate Park, Alconbury Weston – To reconsider our response to the application received. Considering parishioner’s evidence.

Our original response decided at the PC meeting on 27 November was that we would neither support, nor object, to the application in the light that there were no objections from parishioners recorded on the CCC planning system, nor had we been notified of any objections.

However, when the Parish Clerk informed CCC of our view, by return they advised us that they did receive an objection from a parishioner, who lives adjacent to the site. The text of this objection is, as follows:

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 September 2023 13:31
To: Control, Development (Planning)
Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION OBJECTION 23/01784/CCM

Good afternoon,

As resident at a nearby property to the Waste Transfer Site, I strongly object to an extension of opening hours for vehicles, in totally anti-social hours.

This area is considered by HDC to be an area deemed open countryside and continually allowing additional industrial buildings and extensions to their hours is surely against development in the open countryside?

The hours are anti-social and operations can be heard from my property even when inside and with the windows closed, and causes disturbance, extending this disturbance to the hours of 5am is unfair to surrounding residential properties. The noise disturbance would also be exacerbated by more HGV vehicles passing outside our property.

Encouraging more traffic on the B1043 which is a 60mph road is unacceptable as residents are forced to walk on the road as footpaths in the area are not maintained by the County Council.

Extending the use of the site would mean increased unpleasant odours from the site and increased litter in the area.

HDC recently refused an application from 2 Wheatsheaf Cottages to change the use of an existing building to residential due to complaints about noise and smell from surrounding industrial areas, having acknowledged the current issues for residents, surely HDC would not want to increase this into the early hours of the morning for the residents that do live in the area.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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In view of this response I recommend that we review our response and support our parishioner by objecting to this application with the following response:

As this change of operating hours is in the unsocial part of the day, when this resident should quite reasonably expect to be able to sleep, the Parish Council has decided we agree that this resident should be able to expect a reasonable night's sleep, and we therefore, object to this application. We recommend that you refuse this planning application on the grounds of loss of amenity to local residents.

Resolved: This was approved by all councillors to submit the response as worded above, and was agreed by all councillors present.

124.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
Monday 22nd January 2024, Alconbury Sports and Social Club

Meeting finished at 7.08pm.