

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Thursday 4th December 2020 at 6.30pm. This was a remote meeting held via Zoom.

Final Draft Minutes

Attending: Parish Councillors (P.Cllrs) A. McWirter (AM) Chairman, A. Turner (AT), S. Butters (SB), I. Whyte(IW), David Keeble(DK) (Parish Clerk) and DCllr Colin Hedgley (CH)

1. Welcome:

Chairman, AM, welcomed everyone to this remote zoom extraordinary PC meeting and explained the meeting was solely to consider the three items on the Agenda.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rebecca Batley (work commitments) and Cllr Stuart Dack (personal reasons).

3. Declaration of Interests:

IW declared his interest in Agenda item 5 and would comment as a member of the public if invited by the Chairman.

4. Invitation for Members of the Public to Speak:

Refer item 5.

5. To Consider Planning Application - DC/20/4555/FUL, The erection of 3no new dwellings and shared vehicular access and driveway. Land south of Low road Hasketon Suffolk IP13 6JG. AW invited IW to speak as a member of the public on this application and his comments were duly noted.

Clerk stated that in addition to the objection of IW the ESC planning portal currently indicated there were 8 objections from residents to this development.

The consensus was that the comments submitted by the PC in relation to the previous application for this site were still applicable despite the changes. It was felt the 3 storey structures would increase the negative impact of the visual amenity of what is a predominantly rural aspect.

It was also noted that the available parking did not conform to the Highways requirements for 4 bedroomed properties.

Further concerns were raised in respect of the natural drainage in the area and the potential impact for adjacent properties to the south of the development. There did not appear to be any impact statement in respect of this nor for sewage disposal on what is known to be a wetland site.

It was resolved that the PC should strongly recommend refusal of this application for the reasons above and the reasons previously submitted for application DC/20/2743.FUL and the PC should also request the application should be considered by the full ESC Planning Committee.

Proposed – AT
Seconded – SB
ACTION - Clerk

6. To Consider a Response to the Proposed Changes to the EDF Sizewell C Development Consent Order.

SSB reported back on the Planning Aid England meeting (online) attended. SB pointed out the consultation being considered is one that EDF have initiated themselves and is not related to the previous submission made to the Planning Inspectorate. She stated that this appeared to be an unusual process which was somewhat unfamiliar to Planning Aid England and others. However, she pointed out that the advice from Planning Aid England was that every opportunity should be taken to put forward the views of organisations in respect of this development and this is another opportunity to do so. The Clerk stated that it appeared the proposed changes that would seem to affect Hasketon was the proposal to reduce the movements of HGV's from the Seven Hills storage facility along the A12 to Sizewell. The intention was to do this by increasing rail and sea usage. However, the number of movements would still seem to result in somewhere in the region of 500 daily movements as opposed to 700 at peak construction periods. The anticipated construction period is approximately 10 years.

It was resolved to submit a response to EDF in respect of the consultation incorporating the submission already made to the Planning Inspectorate and stating in the view of the PC the changes would likely have no significant impact in relation to the submission already made.

Proposed – SB
Seconded – AT
ACTION – Clerk/SB

7. To Consider a Submission for a Community Partnership Environmental Grant. (Documents previously circulated)

CH explained that so long as any application was in relation to an environmental aspect it would receive sympathetic consideration. He gave example of another local PC requesting a grant to plant a replacement commemorative oak tree. Several suggestions were put forward, planting bulbs on village green, further commemorative hedging /trees to compliment the already planned Centenary Hedge within the play area.

It was resolved that IW would draw up a viable submission plan and circulate for approval before submission by Clerk.

Proposed – AT
Seconded IW
ACTION – Clerk/IW

Meeting closed at 7.05pm. Date of next scheduled PC meeting is January 14th 2021 at 6.30pm.

David Keeble
Parish Clerk

SignedChairman.

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