

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a Planning Meeting of Melton Constable Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th June 2010, 7.30pm at The Country Club.

Present: A.Loynes Chair
 S.Unsworth
 H.Bowes
 M.Hayes

 K.Uglow Clerk

Also present 9 members of the public

1183 To consider apologies for absence
Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllr J Heal, Cllr P Stocking and Cllr C.Velthaus – prior engagements

1184 Public Participations
Resolved to suspend the meeting to allow the public to inform the meeting

Comments from the public concerned the application by Stody Estates for the abstraction of sand and gravels in order to construct two linked reservoirs.

Ross Haddow from Stody Estates explained the changes that had been made to the planning application with particular reference to the number of lorry movements through the village and at what times and the willingness to enter into a Section 106 Agreement.

The question of the route hierarchy was raised with comments made on the current increase in the number of vehicles using the route which was felt to be unsuitable for any increase in lorry movements.

In reply to questions in regard to with whom the Section 106 Agreement would be made and who would police the agreement Ross Haddow explained that the agreement would be agreed initially with Stody Estates but the agreement would be legally binding on the contractor operating the site. The Chair confirmed that Norfolk County Council would police the agreement.

Comments were made in respect of the need for water to be available to grow crops for human consumption and that the increase in traffic has come from house building in the area and not Stody Estates.

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THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED BY FULL COUNCIL ON THE 13TH JULY 2010

Ross Haddow explained that Study Estates had offered community liaison and the formation of a local committee to look at any problems that arose, meeting as required. He also explained that a local Norfolk company would be preferred for the operation of the proposed site.

Questions were raised in respect of how lorry movements would be recorded and what records would be available for inspection. It was explained that records of movements on and off site would legally have to be kept by the site operator and would be available under certain terms if necessary but would also have to protect commercial interests. It was also explained that there would be certain movements before any minerals were moved in order to set up the site.

The question of market need was raised and Ross Haddow explained that research had been done on this with the indications being that the minerals from this site were needed and the amounts stated were still viable in the current economic climate

The Chair commented that the initial concerns concentrated on the lorry movements through the village but had been addressed in the amended application before the Council.

1185 Planning Application C/1/2008/1014

Briston: Land at Breck Farm: Processing and removal of surplus sand and gravel and soils arising from the construction of two linked reservoirs (re-submission of planning application C/1/2008/1014) to include reduced lorry movements and traffic routing restrictions westwards: Stody Estate Grid Ref: 606989333236

Resolved to write to Norfolk County Council with comments as agreed:-

1. Whilst it is appreciated that the number of HGV movements through Melton Constable has been reduced significantly from the previous application, concerns still remain in regard to any increase in HGV movements through the village (for the reasons as specified in paragraph four of our original comments of March 2009 [copy enclosed]) and in general along the B1354 which although designated a distributor route is not in our opinion suited to existing usage by HGV's in many places along the route.
2. The Council understands that if this application is granted it will be subject to a Section 106 agreement to govern conditions placed upon the applicants. The Council would request that it be fully consulted on the content of the S106 document.
3. The Council, whilst understanding that all HGV movements in and out of the proposed site will be recorded, would ask that a transparent system is put into place as part of any permission granted whereby details of all lorry movements are available to interested parties, although we understand and respect that certain information may be commercially confidential.
4. As suggested by the applicant's spokesperson at the meeting, the formation of a Community Liaison Group to consider any problems arising from site operations would be welcomed and Melton Constable Parish Council would wish to appoint a representative to this group.

5. The Council welcomes the efforts that have been made by the applicant in addressing many of the concerns that arose from the initial application

1186 Planning Application PF/10/0567
Erection of a cart lodge – The Old Dairy, Holt Road, Melton Constable NR24 2PU

Resolved no objection

1187 Planning Applications PF/10/0560 and LA/10/0561
Variation of condition 2 of planning ref: 08/0664 to permit installation of window, roof light and flue and repositioning of door: Melton Park, Dereham Road, Melton Constable

Resolved no objection

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Clerk Chair

Dated