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An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 6th May 2015 in the Community Centre at 10.00am..

Councillors present:- Mr R Leighton - Chairman, Mrs M Forsyth – Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Gray, Mrs J Lusher, Mr K Collins & Mr A Ketteringham,

Apologies for absence were received from Mr L Ready, Mr B Corps and Mr R Wright.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

This meeting was called to discuss a Planning Application from Mr & Mrs R Spaul for 1 free range poultry house with connecting egg store & erect 1 manager's dwelling & garage on Land East of Harvest Lodge/ The Stables and East of Swaffham Road IP25 7BT.

Approx 80 Parishioners were in attendance.

The Chairman opened the Meeting by explaining the reason this meeting was called so quickly is because comments regarding this application had to be sent to Breckland Council by 20th May which is before the next Parish Council meeting and with Elections taking place on 7th May, new Councillors would not be able to make a decision.

He also explained the grounds on which objections could be made. These being on Planning regulations only such as Highways and Environment.

Questions were raised by Mr Couzens, Mrs S Parker, Mrs M Thomas, Mrs B Wilkinson, Mr D Park, Mrs M Helsby, Mr J Helsby, Mr B Martin, Mrs C Read, Mr K Read, Mr D Thorpe, Mr S Hardcastle, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs J Lewin, Mrs A Yeoman, Mrs C Drew, Mr C Pearson, Mrs E Robson.

These questions ranged from size of shed, amount of traffic created, how often deliveries would take place, amount of waste, smell, effect on nearby dwellings, vermin, air pollution, number of people that would be employed and noise.

Mr R Spaul attended the meeting and answered some of these questions directly. He explained that this is a very new venture and conveyor belts would carry away the waste from inside the shed which would then be removed by trailer once a week so there would be no smell build up, deliveries would be fortnightly for feed, egg collection four times a week. The number of people that would be employed would be 4 on site and 2 additional staff at the Attleborough Egg Packing Station. The question of an Agricultural Covenant on the proposed dwelling was raised and Mr Spaul assured that Breckland had already stipulated this.

Concerns were raised regarding access to the site as very narrow road unsuitable for large lorries and access onto Swaffham Road at junction with poor visibility. Also the effect on the land and drainage.

After a long discussion it was proposed by Mr Thorpe that the Parish Council should contact Breckland Council and request that an Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out and add the concerns of the village re Highways, smell, noise and drainage. A vote by show of hands proved that majority were in favour of this action.

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Many of the Parishioners expressed concern that the meeting had been called with very little notice and at a time that was not suitable to the working people. The Chairman explained that this application had only been received the day following the last Parish Council meeting and this meeting was called to suit the Members of the Council so that the comments could be back to Breckland before closing date. However it was pointed out that the application was made in March and this will be queried with Planning Department. Mr Ketteringham pointed out that Parish Councils are not having a very good relationship with the Planners and had had very little support from the District Councillor and with the Elections, this would mean that the new District Councillor would be unable to ask for this to go to Planning Committee for decision. It was therefore agreed that Parish Council would ask for this to be done.

This matter was then discussed by Parish Council Members and it was agreed that a letter be sent to request the Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out, a Highways assessment be carried out and concerns registered that have been raised at meeting. This was agreed with Mr Ketteringham abstaining from vote due to his former use of the land concerned.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and stated that the best way to get their views heard would be to write in to Breckland or use the website to make their objections and requested that as many people as possible do this as soon as possible as this would carry more weight to getting this to Committee.

LYCH GATE

The Chairman informed Members that My Hyde has a quote for the time capsule of £180-00 but he felt that he could make one from water pipe. It was proposed by Mrs Forsyth seconded by Mrs Gray that the proper one be purchased. An amendment was proposed by Mr Leighton seconded by Mr Ketteringham that Mr Hyde make one. A vote was taken and the amendment was passed with Mrs Forsyth abstaining and Chairman having casting vote.

INSURANCE

The Clerk had circulated the details of the Policies that had been recommended and a further adjustment that had been made. She asked that all members read this as a decision will have to be made at next meeting as Policy is due for renewal on 1st June.

BUS SHELTER

The rubber seal has been pulled out from one side. It was agreed to ask Mr Ready to have a look at this.

DEFIBRILLATOR BOX

The AVA has agreed for box to be fixed to wall at Call-In so Mr Ready will get this put up.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 11.15am.