

UPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 19.00 in the Millennium Hall

Present: Councillors Keith Cornwall (Chairman), Alison Feist, Chloe Rusby, Brian Spencer.

In attendance: Acting Clerk—Lynda Wilcox (HALC). Ward Cllr. Barry Durkin & 22 local residents.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Paul Newman & Mike Robins.

2. **Declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation**

2.1 Hazel Strange declared a DPI (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) in item 5 as an allotment holder and Allotments Committee member.

3. **Planning:** Members considered comments on the following applications for determination by Herefordshire Council:

3.1 Blue Skies Planning Application 190950 ... Transport Plan.

It was noted that the previous parish council had objected to the original application in April 2018, on the grounds of excessive traffic to and from the site. Herefordshire Council had requested a transport plan from the applicants in January 2019 and the parish council's comments on this plan were now requested.

Following detailed discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED to reject the current transport plan for the reasons outlined below:

- 3.1.1 Local residents had become aware of increased traffic on Woodhouse Lane and, having looked into the matter, were of the opinion that 80% of the traffic was to and from Blue Sky. Furthermore, they also believed that 30% of all traffic through the Crews was from Blue Sky.
- 3.1.2 Investigations undertaken by a group of local residents had produced current traffic figures which questioned the validity of figures contained within the Transport Plan prepared by Blue Sky.
- 3.1.3 Whilst not being against the presence of Blue Sky, local residents strongly urged Herefordshire Council to insist that Blue Sky produce an enhanced traffic plan with current traffic movements and more detailed arrangements for curtailing the amount of traffic to and from their premises.
- 3.1.4 Measures undertaken by Blue Sky since November 2018 had not reduced the level of traffic to a reasonable level.
- 3.1.5 Freight consolidation in the current transport was covered in around fifteen lines whereas there was a great deal of information with no substance on the benefit of staff car sharing etc.
- 3.1.6 In addition to the traffic problem, it was noted that the previous parish council had also objected to the application because of noise and the adverse effect on the environment.

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- 3.1.7 It was noted that the shareholder control of Blue Sky had apparently changed from an individual to a company which could result in different development approach.
 - 3.1.8 A representative from Blue Sky who was present at the meeting commented that the initial car sharing/parking proposal using the Moody Cow was not in place and an alternative site was being used.
 - 3.1.9 Efforts were being made to change the current situation where some HGVs were only carrying one palette each.
 - 3.1.10 The representative confirmed that the concerns voiced at the meeting would be taken back to Blue Sky for consideration and stressed that Blue Sky were doing their best to ensure the effective management of their traffic.
- 3.2 Land at Windy Hollow: App P191581/U-Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing). Change of use of land from agricultural use to use for siting of 5 caravans to provide residential accommodation for those employed to fulfil temporary/agency type contracts.
- 3.2.1 Concern was expressed about Herefordshire Council's approval of the above application because it had come to light that their decision could have been made on misleading or false information.
 - 3.2.2 Furthermore, it was noted that concerns had been raised direct with Herefordshire Council by local residents on more than one occasion over the years but Herefordshire Council had erroneously logged the complaints against a neighbouring farm rather than Windy Hollow.
 - 3.2.3 Queries were raised on sewage disposal.
 - 3.2.4 Due to the level of concern voiced by councilors and local residents, it was RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk would request a meeting with the relevant planning officers, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the parish council and the Ward Councillor.

Councillor Hazel Strange left the room in accordance with her declaration in item 2 above.

4. Allotments

- 4.1 Information had been received from the Allotments Association regarding the parish council's role as landlord of the allotment land. Prior to discussion on this role and other aspects of the allotment land, it was RESOLVED to seek legal advice from NALC via the Acting Clerk.

Councillor Hazel Strange returned to the meeting

5. Date of the next scheduled meeting ... Tuesday 2nd July at 19.00.

2019 meeting dates were noted as: 6.8.19, 3.9.19., 1.10.19., 5.11.19., 3.12.19.

6. Recovery of parish council intellectual property

There was discussion on the recovery of parish council intellectual property and measures were put in place to secure its return.

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.... DATE 02.07.2019.....