

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION
FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023
7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chairman)
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM)
Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)
Councillor Perry Penn (PP)
Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB)
Councillor Justin Seldis (JS)
Councillor Hollie Bloomfield (HB)
Councillor Christine Price (CP)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)
County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JSp)
District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

61 members of public were present.

There was a welcome from the chairman.

23/016 PUBLIC FORUM

The members of the public were given the opportunity to speak about the planning application for the proposed development at Shepherds Grove, Stanton. A summary of the questions and points raised were:

- a) There was a suggestion on how the Parish Council should handle their response. It was thought that a WSC planning officer should meet with councillors and residents and explain this complex application.
- b) There was a request to explain how the business of Copart operates.
- c) It was suggested that there would be a vehicle every two minutes and there was concern how this would meet the green climate pledges from both WSC and SCC.
- d) There was a question on how the plots earmarked for outline permission would be used. It was acknowledged that this information is not available.
- e) There was comment on the adequacy of the number of on-site parking spaces and that the site was located away from the main roads.
- f) There was discussion about the proposed business and how that compares with Copart's operations at their other sites.
- g) It was suggested that the outline planning application might not be legally possible.
- h) There was discussion about the proposed village traffic calming plans and how these would fit with the proposed plans.
- i) There were concerns that the A143 and other roads were already in a poor condition.
- j) There was a thought that the water run-offs could eventually affect the quality of water in the aquifers.
- k) There was clarification sought about the planned site opening hours.
- l) There were concerns about light pollution.
- m) There were comments about the environmental assessments and the independence of the surveys.
- n) There was the question of who would benefit from such a business on this site.

- o) There was a discussion on whether the Parish Council should seek professional advice from a planning consultant.
- p) There was a conversation about the highway's issues and the impact of the increased traffic.
- q) It was considered this business was just too much for the locality.

23/017 APOLOGIES

None.

23/018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

23/019 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

23/020 PLANNING MATTERS

There was discussion on the next stages in the preparation of the response to planning applications DC/22/2190/HYB and DC/22/2191/ADV. It was agreed that a formal invitation would be given to Gary Hancox, the WSC planning officer, to come to a meeting and explain the application. It was also agreed to engage with Peter Bradfield, the SCC highways officer, who would be responding on behalf of SCC to the highway's issues. The visit by some councillors to another Copart location is planned.

23/021 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None.

23/022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting which will be an extra ordinary meeting on Thursday 9 February 2023 to focus on the proposed Shepherds Grove development and then a meeting on Thursday 16 February 2023 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
30 January 2023