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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY
2011 AT HILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7PM**

Present:

Cllr Bates (in the Chair)
Cllr Hickinbotham, Cllr Day, Cllr Smith, Cllr Walton-Knight, Cllr McDonald and Cllr Keery

2 District Council Representative, 1 County Councillor, 1 Burton Mail Representative, 1 Derby Evening Telegraph Representative and 29 Members of the Public were also in attendance.

Cllr Bob Wheeler the Chair of South Derbyshire District Council was also in attendance.

PART 1 - NON EXEMPT INFORMATION

1. Minute Number 1154/11/ EPCM - To Receive Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Smalley and Cllr Carter.

2. Minute Number 1155/11/EPCM - Variation of the Order of Business.

Resolved: To move part of item 4 – Public Speaking below Item 2 – Variation to the Order Of Business to allow Cllr Plenderleith, Cllr Patten and Cllr Wheeler to speak.

3. Minute Number 1156/11/EPCM - Public Speaking

Minute Number 1156/11/EPCM/A - Cllr Wheelers Report

Cllr Wheeler firstly introduced himself as the Ward Member for the Linton Parish and the Chair of South Derbyshire District Council

Cllr Wheeler explained that the District Council as such must not have a view on any Planning Applications until it goes to the Planning Committee for determination. He explained that he had attended the meeting tonight to hear what the community had to say about the Current Planning Application on Sutton Lane. He explained that in February 2010 the District Council had issued an Enforcement Notice on the Sutton Lane Site, however this decision had been appealed and the Planning Inspector then found in favour of what they were proposing to do and what they subsequently have their now. He explained that the current Planning Application was to double the occupation of the site from 2 caravans per pitch to 4 caravans per pitch.

Minute Number 1156/11/EPCM/B - District Councillor Report

Cllr Plenderleith introduced herself as the Ward Member for the Hilton Parish, District Councillor for South Derbyshire District Council and the Vice Chair of the Development Control Committee at South Derbyshire District Council.

She explained that with being the Vice Chairperson of the Development Control Committee she had to remain neutral throughout the process so would not be able to comment on anything that was said by members of the public during the meeting. She explained that she had attended the meeting to listen to what residents had to say.

Minute Number 1156/11/EPCM/C - County Councillors Report

Cllr Patten introduced herself as the Ward Member for Hilton Parish, District Councillor for South Derbyshire District Council and a County Councillor for Derbyshire County Council.

She explained that she had opposed the original Planning Application for the site which subsequently was refused by South Derbyshire District Council; however this decision was then overturned by the Planning Inspector and passed. She explained that she was not on the Development Control Committee at South Derbyshire District Council and would therefore be representing the residents of Hilton on this matter, she would in fact be strongly objecting to the current Planning Application.

4. Minute Number 1157/11/EPCM - Declaration of Members Interests.

There were no Declarations of Members Interests.

5. Minute Number 1158/11/EPCM - Public Speaking (30 Minutes).

Minute Number 1158/11/EPCM/A - Public Speaking.

There was 30 minutes of Public Speaking where local residents made comments to the Councillors about the Planning Application.

5. Minute Number 1159/11/EPCM - Planning Applications for Decision

- a) Reg No 9 2010 1084 – The variation of condition two of planning permission 9 2009 1018 (granted on appeal) to allow four caravans per pitch rather than the two permitted at Sutton Lane, Hilton.

Resolved: Hilton Parish Council feel strongly against the above Planning Application on three grounds;- principle, practice and health.

Hilton Parish Council is not against traveller sites per se. in fact we want to encourage responsible citizenship through the ownership and management of sites. The first site in Hilton has been a model site where our planning laws have been approached correctly and subsequent permission followed to the letter. Hilton Parish Council has supported that site wherever possible. However there is a growing practice of retrospective planning applications, where a developer does as he chooses where he chooses and then applies for planning consent. Unfortunately, SDDC has established a precedent for support of retrospective planning applications. Hilton Parish Council therefore strongly objects to the application on the principle that retrospective applications are not acceptable.

The traveller site on Sutton Lane was granted permission on conditions as laid out in "Schedule of Conditions" attached to the Appeal Decisions hearing and site visit made on 20th July 2010. These conditions have been continuously flouted. The number of caravans has been noted to reach twelve where the conditions give a maximum of four. No reference was made in the planning application or the grant that covers the keeping of live stock on and around the site in permanent and semi permanent buildings in the form of a small farm. The "Schedule of Conditions" required a site scheme, section 5 clauses 1-4, in particular for the management of surface and foul water. Hilton Parish Council is not aware of any plans or scheme to meet the conditions. The application should not be considered at least until the conditions of the previous grant are met in full.

The current application is for eight caravans, we have seen from practice that numbers could well be far exceeded. At a conservative estimate of two people per caravan, sixteen people will produce a lot of foul water and sewage. The traveller's site is almost the highest point in Hilton. Any "run-off" from the site will find its way into the water courses through Hilton. An absence in adequately treating the foul water and sewage "run-off" will cause a major potential health risk in the district.

Hilton Parish Council would also like to ask what South Derbyshire District Council are doing with regards to the Local Development Plan and the fact that there seems to be a loop hole. Both the District Council and the County Council need to consider the impact that this development is and will have on the current street scene and more importantly further overdevelopment of the village. Both the Doctors Surgery and the Local Primary School are full to bursting. Hilton does not have the infrastructure to sustain any further development within the village.

Signed.....Dated.....

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