

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Present:- Councillors Sue Handy (chairman) Charlie Blake Tim French Joe Nickel Mike Osgood Lesley Sanderson

Apologies:- Councillors Kate Morse District & County Cllr. Ceceile Irving-Swift

Attendees:- Tim Taylor, Penny Mayback, John Maybank, Nikki Haynes, Alan Dawkins, Burleigh Haycock, Mark Linnell (Great Oxendon)

Comments from The Public:-

Comments were made regarding the Wormslade Farm application including:-

- 1) The site will be lit 24 hours a day
- 2) The site should be classified as industrial and have a B8 classification but no change has been made
- 3) The developer has made a miscalculation in the number of vehicle movements. These have been proved to be far higher than the application states.
- 4) The high number of vehicles travelling along the A508 will be exceptionally dangerous, particularly on the A14 junctions.
- 5) The smell from the site will affect neighbouring villages.
- 6) There is a strong possibility that waste running off the site will contaminate the River Ise and livestock will be affected.
- 7) There is a lack of job creation as the site will only have 3 employees.
- 8) There is no benefit to the community.
- 9) There is no justification for the development and appears to be purely for the financial gain of the landowner.
- 10) The land local to the site is not suitable for growing maize, therefore the transport will have to travel further.
- 11) The residents of Kelmarsh Field Farm will be very affected.
- 12) It is an industrial development with no business plan.
- 13) There were concerns regarding the use of good agricultural land being used for industrial purposes.
- 14) There were safety concerns regarding the manufacturing process for gas. There is evidence of explosions on other sites.
- 15) Northamptonshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan shows there is sufficient capacity in the county until 2031, so there is no need for an additional Plant.

Note:- the appeal for the previous application on the site (for a wind turbine) was dismissed for the following reasons:-

- 1) The effect of the proposal on the surrounding area in terms of landscape character and visual amenity
- 2) Whether the proposal would harm the significance of local heritage assets
- 3) The effect of the proposal on the amenities of the residents of Kelmarsh Field Farm in terms of visual impact
- 4) The extent of the benefits of the proposal.

Comments were made regarding the Appeal re Land to Rear of Khelidon including:-

- 1) The appellant is claiming the access road has passing places but these are actually on private land belonging to neighbouring properties.
- 2) There are concerns regarding the future maintenance of the access road because ownership is unknown.

Declarations of Interest:-

None

Planning Applications:-

15/00090/WASFUL

Wormslade Farm, Clipston Road, Kelmarsh, Northamptonshire, LE16 9RX

Installation and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility including the erection of silage clamps, digester tanks, technical building, gas flare and site office/welfare building, weighbridge and the installation ancillary plant and equipment, alterations to the highway access and internal road, installation of lagoons and attenuation pond, highway improvements and landscaping and environmental enhancement measures

The Parish Council object very strongly to the application for the following reasons:-

- 1) The site is in a rural location and the proposal will completely change and destroy the rural landscape.
- 2) The Parish Council is not aware of a change of use for the site from agricultural to industrial.
- 3) The site will be lit for 24 hours a day which is not appropriate in the location.
- 4) There are concerns regarding the environmental impact of this development on the surrounding land. The River Ise runs nearby and could be easily contaminated which would affect the environment, local landowners and their livestock.
- 5) The developer appears to have made a miscalculation in the number of vehicle movements. These have been proved to be far higher than the application states.
- 6) The high number of vehicles travelling along the A508 will be exceptionally dangerous, particularly on the A14 junctions.
- 7) The crops will have to be grown away from the site and it has to be questioned how the traffic movement will affect the environment, especially in the case of maize which cannot be grown locally and will have to be transported from even further afield.
- 8) It is inevitable the site will be odorous which will affect the neighbouring villages and particularly Kelmarsh Field Farm which lies in very close proximity.
- 9) There is no benefit to the local communities – no jobs will be created, traffic will be extremely adversely affected, the visual impact will be detrimental to the local landscape and it is feared the site will be odorous.
- 10) There is no justification for the development and it appears to be purely for the financial gain of the landowner.
- 11) The development does not have a business plan and it is unclear whether this is a viable and sustainable proposition.
- 12) Northamptonshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan shows there is sufficient capacity in the county until 2031, so it is questionable whether there is a need for the plant.
- 13) It is very disappointing that good agricultural land will have to be used for the production of gas.
- 14) The application states that all vehicle movements to and from the site will be contained to within a 10 mile radius, however (aside from the reference to the A508) no information is given on which local roads this traffic will travel along. This is likely to have a direct impact on neighbouring villages such as Arthingworth.

APP/Y2810/W/16/3141750

Appeal by Mr S Grundy

Land To Rear Of Khelidon, Oxendon Road, Arthingworth

Outline application for single dwelling to include access and layout

The Parish Council would query whether some of the claims made by the appellant regarding the passing places and road ownership of the access road are substantiated or correct.

There are concerns regarding the future maintenance of the road because ownership is unknown.

Any Other Business:-

- 1) The PCC have requested a donation towards the church floodlight. The clerk to check the budget.

- 2) Residents are undertaking a village clean-up. The clerk to check the PC insurance to see whether volunteers are covered.
- 3) Article regarding overhanging trees to be put in the newsletter again.
- 4) Water leak near the junction of Kelmarsh and Harrington (on the verge between the bench and the new entrance). Clerk to report to Anglian Water.
- 5) Receipt of £280 received from J. Stamp for the purchase of a cremation plot.
- 6) Overflowing manhole outside No 29 Oxenden Road has been investigated by DDC but believe Anglian Water is responsible and query whether their records are out of date as previous enquiries have suggested that Anglian Water is not responsible. This is now being pursued by DDC. The drain has been cleared by a local farmer and DDC informed that some reimbursement may be expected.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm