

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022

Present:- Councillors Lesley Sanderson (Chairman), Bernadette Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Keith Ross

Apologies:- Cllr. Sue Handy (holiday), Kate Morse

Attendees:- 35 Parishioners, Ward Cllrs. Cecile Irving-Swift and Kevin Parker

Declarations of Interest:- None

Comments from

The Public:- Cllr. Irving-Swift advised residents (as many as possible) to make representations to the planning officer to ensure he is aware of the strength of feeling in the village.

The following comments and objections were made:-

- 1) Arthingworth is a small, rural village comprising of less than 100 houses. The visual impact of a 15 metre telecom mast in the midst of traditional village houses is extremely undesirable.
- 2) The village is quiet with no industry other than farming. The mast would be completely out of context.
- 3) It is inconceivable that the proposed location is the best solution. Other, more viable, sites must surely be available.
- 4) The size of the mast is inappropriate. The village has no other similar infrastructure.
- 5) The scale and appearance of the mast would have an undesirable effect on the many listed buildings.
- 6) The noise from the cabinets is a concern as Arthingworth is a very quiet village with no through road and very little traffic.
- 7) There could be a detrimental effect on wildlife as there are two maternity bat roosts in close proximity.
- 8) There is a health and safety concern regarding any implications regarding residents with heart monitors etc. Assurances must be given that it is quite safe to be in such close proximity to dwellings.
- 9) The cabinets will be very imposing and will dominate that area of the village.
- 10) The proposed area is listed as an important green space in the Neighbourhood Plan which is in the final stages and should be finalised in December.
- 11) The proposed site and the green space opposite are the only leisure areas in the village and are used extensively by children as play areas.
- 12) There is a concern that no formal consultation with residents has taken place as there are obviously many concerns not related to the appearance and siting of the installation, regarding wildlife and health & Safety, which really do need to be addressed.

Planning Applications:-

WNDPD/2022/0028

**Proposed 5G telecoms installation 15m street pole and 3 additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works
Land at Hall Close, Arthingworth**

The Parish Council object strongly to this application for the reasons listed above and also attach a professional report showing there is insufficient evidence to support the approval of this application.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm