

ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2015

Present:- Councillors Sue Handy (chairman) Charles Blake, Joe Nikel

Attendees:- None

Apologies:- Kate Morse, Andy Knott Lesley Sanderson Mike Osgood

Declarations of Interest:- None

Planning Applications:-

DA/2015/0206

Creation of new gravel track off Braybrooke Road through existing gate entrance

The Old Manor, Braybrooke Road, Arthingworth

The Parish Council offered no objections to the application.

KET/2015/0065

Full Applications: Change of use to permanent traveller site for 3 no. pitches Paddocks, Park Hill, Braybrooke

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

- 1) There is a massing of traveller sites within close proximity of this proposed application (the vast majority of DDC and KBC's traveller sites are within 5 miles of the subject site) which increasingly feels imbalanced with the settled community. The Parish Council believe 40% of Northants travelling communities have sites within a radius of 5 miles.

Sites in the vicinity of Black Paddock's 3 temporary pitches include;

- Greenfields 7 pitches
- Crossroads (Animal Corner, 3 Park Lane, Brookside and Braybrooke Stables) 15 pitches
- Spinney Copse 6 pitches
- Springfields 2 pitches
- The Pastures 15 pitches
- The Laurels 7 pitches
- Woodside Permission for 5 pitches plus a dwelling
- Tolerated in A6 layby 1 pitch
- Justin Park 27 pitches
- Golden Stables 2 pitches currently

Local planning authorities should ensure that sites in rural areas do not dominate rural, settled communities.

- 2) Policy 13 of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy states a requirement for sustainable development. Permanent planning permission would result in considerable harm to the character and appearance of the countryside in a wholly unsustainable location – economically, environmentally and socially.
- 3) Policy 9 of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy states that development should not take place in the open countryside. Local planning authorities should strictly limit new permanent traveller site development in open countryside.
- 4) Policy 17 of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy states that any Gypsy or Traveller accommodation should fulfil the criteria of Policies 9 and 13 (as above) and should be closely linked to an existing settlement for social inclusion as well as provision of services and amenities. As proved by the temporary provision previously granted this application does not meet these requirements.
- 5) The Parish Council is concerned about the intensification of people living in what effectively is a private enclave for the traveller community which lacks integration with the village community.

Any Other Business:- None

Meeting Closed at 7.45 pm