

GRANTLEY, SAWLEY, SKELDING & EAVESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF RISPLITH

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.30pm Sawley Village Hall

A Special meeting called to focus on Grantley Hall Hotel

The Public Participation Session was utilised. Members of the public were encouraged to express their views on matter concerning them relating to Grantley Hall Hotel (the Hotel) and ways it affects the village of Grantley and its environs.

Specific concerns noted were:-

1. Helicopter landing pad and helicopter use.
2. Local traffic safety. There has been an increase in traffic and speeding in the locality. There was a noticeable increase of fast supercars in the area, especially from the West gate of the Hotel. It was felt that the visibility splay at the West Gate was not sufficient for exits from the Hotel. It was supposed that traffic movement data was available at the Hotel and should be used help solve the problem.
3. Firework displays disturb livestock, pets, children, adults and wildlife. It was noted that the statutory time for a display to end is 11.00pm. It was noted that there are quiet fireworks. Residents receive warnings but they are not always sufficient. The number of events per year is limited to 12 but this looks as if it will be exceeded. Of major concern was the excessive noise from displays and that because of the nature of the valley the sound travels a significant distance. This was felt unacceptable especially when the display overruns past the statutory 11.00pm time time limit.
4. With regards to the permissive path, some comments were heard from local landowners that there was no permission for walkers to walk across their land about the Grantley Hall Hotel. It was noted that The Ramblers Association attempted to have the path in question registered as a public footpath, but the application (at the High Court?) was rejected.
5. The "Bailey bridge" is noisy and causes unwelcome disturbance for those living nearby.

(2022-2023 – 075) Present were Cllr Mark Smeeden (Vice Chairman – Chair of the meeting)) and Cllr Jim Wigginton, Cllr Simon Learoyd.

(2022-2023 – 076) Also present were David Taylor, Clerk, Cllr Margret Atkinson and 26 members of the public, including Mrs Valeria Sykes (VS), Mr Richard Sykes (RS), Mr Will Quarmbly (WQ) and Mr Andrew Burningham.

(2022-2023 – 077) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kirbitson, Cllr Parry and Cllr Lennon.

(2022-2023 – 078) No **Declarations of Interest** was received and so no **Dispensations** were required.

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(2022-2023 – 079) The Parish Councillors present questioned the delegation from Grantley Hall Hotel, the major subjects had been circulated to the delegation prior to the meeting and were:

(2022-2023 – 080) The Chair of the meeting asked when do Grantley Hall Hotel intend to make a planning application for the retention and use of the helicopter landing pad.

Richard Sykes replied for Granley Hall Hotel that he planned to make a revised application in respect of planning permission for the existing helicopter pad by the end of this year (2022). He said that there is historic helicopter use data available and this would be shared with the local authority when the application is made.

RH also stated that he is reviewing the business model that was formulated when the hotel was launched and a part of that review was the level of importance for the use of helicopters in the future and how important they are to the business.

(2022-2023 – 081) The subject of local traffic safety, including a perceived increase in traffic, and perceived speeding in the locality was raised by the Chair of the meeting.

Richard Sykes replied for Granley Hall Hotel that he accepted there had been an increase in traffic levels and that there were more instances of speeding traffic. He offered to work with the Parish Council in putting into place measure that may help address the problem; when asked, he said that he would support the installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) (a variation of standard vehicle activated signs). He invited the Parish Council to discuss matters further in order to work towards safer roads in the area.

He also said that with regard to supercar driving days, the Hotel was reviewing the value of these days. The Hotel try to encourage drivers to drive considerately in the local area. They are good for publicity but do not attract revenue and there will be a point when the business does not need the potential problems they bring and their level will be tapered off.

He also said that cameras were being installed at the West Lodge that will monitor all traffic exiting the Hotel. He stressed that the Hotel will cancel contracts with suppliers should they persistently drive inconsiderately in the area around the Hotel.

RH also stated that he was educating members of staff about driving habits in the area when they are coming to and leaving work. He said that there were up to 350 members of staff (full and part time) working at the Hotel and that would create increased traffic levels. He was aware of the problem and was working to mitigate the effects on the local community

(2022-2023 – 082) The subject of firework displays and the nuisance they can cause was raised by the Chair on the meeting. He commented that not all residents receive adequate warning of impending displays and that some displays (in particular a recent one on a Monday night) were excessively loud and over ran the statutory 11:00pm cut off time. The Chair also pointed out that there was a limit of 12 displays per year attached to the planning permission and that there had been 8 displays so far this year.

Richard Sykes replied for Granley Hall Hotel that he was aware of the problem and was working to mitigate the effects on the local community. He was sympathetic of the situation. The Hotel was reviewing its policy on fireworks; they were beginning to specify that only quiet fireworks and that the time limits would be policed as strictly as they can be. He said that the Hotel were questioning if it needed firework displays at all. In time the Hotel will actively discourage firework displays. He felt they affected both local residents as well as, in some circumstances, other guests staying in the hotel. He

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assured the meeting that he would look into the position regarding the number of displays so far this year.

He invited any people who wished to be warned of future displays to contact the Hotel and ask to be notified. They would be placed on the various communication platforms and made aware of displays in the future. He also said that the way warnings were delivered would be reviewed in order to try and make the methods better.

He also commented on the 'Bailey Bridge' saying that it was noisy when traffic used it and this not only disturbed the Hotels nearest neighbours but also guests staying in the Hotel. The Hotel was working to find a way cushioning the load bearing pads of the bridge and that the bridge itself was imposed on them by the planning authorities.

(2022-2023 – 083) The Chair asked about the old permissive route from the east lodge to the footpath adjacent to the west lodge; would the Hotel be willing to re-instate this route in the future?

Richard Sykes replied for Granley Hall Hotel that he was not aware of the route / footpath but he felt it was not feasible to allow this for the future. He gave reasons for this as a lack of control over who may use the path and also insurance liability implications for the Hotel.

(2022-2023 – 084) the meeting finished at 8.03pm

These minutes were recorded and prepared by the Clerk to the Parish Council, David Taylor.

Signed as a true record by Cllr Martin Kirbitson, Chairman

Date:

At the Regular Meeting of the Grantley and Sawley Parish Council held on **24th November 2022** it was resolved by unanimous vote to approve these Minutes, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, as a true and correct record. These Minutes were then signed by the Chairman accordingly.

The signed Minutes are held in the Parish Council minute book at the Clerk's address, below, and can be viewed by prior appointment.

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