

**Minutes of the Meeting of Norham Parish Council on Friday 18th August at 6.30pm
in the Tower Room, St Cuthbert's Church, Norham.**

Those present were George Straughen (GS), Jim Greenwood (JG), Jim Blythe (JB) Alison Murphy (AM), John Grahamslaw (JJG) Sheelagh Hume (SH) and Dougie Watkin (DW). One member of the public was also in attendance.

8.23.1 Planning Consultation 23/02607/FUL Salutation Caravan Park

There was lengthy discussion regarding this planning application, for a major extension of the caravan park. It was agreed that whilst there was no objection in principle to the increase in size of the caravan park, the application as it stands did cause concern. These concerns included

- the lack of screening of the site- it was felt the increased site should be screened on all 4 sides, both for aesthetic but also for safety reasons – it is in an area of environmental sensitivity, the sight of the caravans might distract drivers, and the development could be seen from a considerable distance unless screened.
- access issues - the large increase in traffic (each new stand was to have 2 parking spaces) entering and leaving the site at a very difficult stretch of road, which is perceived to be fast and dangerous, with a blind summit to the west –
- the enormous quantities of effluent and other waste which the site would produce, bearing in mind a projected population of 296, and whether its disposal might in any way affect the aquifer and the River Tweed, and whether the proposed and existing drainage and sewage systems could cope.
- the large water and energy supplies which would be required by the site, and whether the mains water supply has this capacity, and whether existing local supplies might be affected.
- lack of facilities on site, including play areas, community refuse/recycling points/Electric vehicle charging points, bicycle parking areas, landscaping etc.

JG indicated that in his view the size of this development and the strain it might be put on local infrastructure should lead to a capital contribution being made by the applicant.

After further discussion it was agreed that the parish council would object to this application