

Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting Minutes Monday, 28th February 2022

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	County/Parish Cllr. Deaville
Cllr. Johnson		
Also present were 21 members of the public		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs D Wheat	7.30pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

1. Chairman's Welcome:

Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies: Cllr. P McLaughlin

Cllr. Hollingum

Cllr. Plant

3. Declaration of Interests: None to declare

4. Public Participation: The Council resolved **All in Favour** to suspend standing orders.

Elan Homes (Midlands) and Scentera Ltd. Blythe Park, Cresswell SMD/2021/0829

Application for a variation of Condition 4 in regards to outline application SMD/2014/0576

a) Road Widening at the Izaak Walton Pinch Point

A resident spoke regarding the the road widening at the Izzac Walton pinch point with foot paths
This item is not mentioned at all on the variation of plans so could lead you to believe that this specific feature would not change from the conditions specified. The widening can not be achieved without a land compulsory purchase order which is lengthy and expensive, so this will be put on the back burner until it is forgotten. This section of road may be small, but it is extremely important for children and residents walking to school and to catch more frequent busses on Uttoxeter road,
The failure to make it clear and to not mention the road widening and its footpaths in the variation of plans is conspicuous by its absence.

b) Roundabout will Slow Down Traffic without causing hold ups.

A resident explained how the Roundabouts were a one-off opportunity to slow down traffic on Sandon Road which has been the cause of a fatality in the past. The speed of traffic towards Hilderstone after they cross the railway is really bad. Drivers speed up the moment they cross the level crossing and residents living along the road are in danger. If roundabouts are put in traffic will have to slow down. The roundabouts are well designed and will not cause hold ups, resulting in air pollution and light pollution to local residents which the money saving traffic lights will cause.

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c) Service Road on Sandon Road.

Residents immediately affected by the change in Road layout were promised a Service Road to screen them from the new roundabout junction which they were happy with as this will also help with the manoeuvre for parking of large camper van vehicles.

d) Church Lane Junction – Uttoxeter Road

A resident explained that the Church Road junction has not been looked at as part of the design process either with the roundabout or the traffic light proposal. How will residents of Church Lane get out if there is a constant queue of traffic? The road is also collapsing in this area and it could cause severe issues with congestion caused by traffic lights. A roundabout construction may repair the underlying road fault if done properly.

e) Funding

A resident complained that Staffordshire Highways had already received the funding for the roundabouts from a Grant. This LEP funding for the deluxe roundabout road layout should be earmarked at the County Council for the project.

f) Definition of a Severe traffic safety issue

On the Form X which is one of the Planning documents, it states that the traffic lights are not likely to cause a 'severe issue.' What is the developer's definition of a moderate issue in relation to highway safety and pedestrians?

g) Toxic Land

Issues were raised before the initial outline planning proposal was passed of the land having a high level of toxic waste. This was ignored and the residents are concerned that their views will be ignored again by the Planning Committee.

h) The Blythe Park Industrial Estate is not well kept.

Residents have concerns that the developer is taking short cuts to make the development cheaper for themselves and not for the good of the community of Cresswell. An example of this is the state of the entrance with the terrible potholes caused by HGV's accessing the Industrial estate.

i) Time Scale

The developer has not adhered to the time scale set out in the conditions of the original agreement. There is a risk that the original conditions will be relaxed due to a passing of time. The original conditions should be adhered to as agreed.

j) Traffic Survey

The original traffic survey was flawed and residents doing Community Speedwatch have evidence of this. The traffic volume has increased since the original survey and needs to be redone.

k) Uttoxeter Road Junction

Residents living on the junction of Cresswell Lane and Uttoxeter Road will have constant traffic queues outside their properties causing air pollution, noise pollution and light pollution.

l) Uttoxeter Road as a Diversion Route

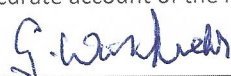
Residents asked about queues which will form when the A50 is closed and the diversion comes through the village. Draycott Level will be gridlocked.

Cllr. Holdcroft thanked so many members of the public for attending to voice their objections.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

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5. The Council resolved to 'Object' to the Variation of Condition 4.
Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded Cllr. Johnson – All in Favour

Draycott in the Moors Parish Council have concerns to the Change in condition 4 on the following points as follows:

- Roundabout 1 – Sandon Road, access and egress for residents on Sandon Road and residents of the proposed new development.
- Road safety and the reduction of speed on Sandon Road
- Footway and road widening of the Izaak Walton Pinch Point
- Roundabout 2 – Uttoxeter Road, access and egress for residents of Church Lane and Uttoxeter Road
- Road safety, Speed reduction and Congestion on Uttoxeter Road, Draycott.
- Time issue – concerns that the Application conditions have been dimmed down with the passing of time

The Clerk was asked to advise councillors when a date has been published for the Planning Committee so that speakers can be confirmed on behalf of Parish, District and the County Council.

6. a) **Planning Application SMD/2022/0040 Bird Grove Farm, Sandon Road, Hilderstone**

Install 8 biomass boilers and associated equipment and erection of a Mon-pitch biomass. Boiler/forestry machinery storage shed, associated wood fuel stores, alterations to hay barn, surface water management scheme, alterations to the access and formation of permeable enhancement measures.

The Council resolved to make comments to the Planning Committee as follows:

The council would like the environmental impact of this business activity to be thoroughly investigated to make sure it is sustainable and that the sources of wood are not to be taken from ancient woodland and only from sustainable sources. Please consider the pollution to the air from woodsmoke and the disposal of any waste products.

The Council also would like the impact to the Highway network by delivery and dispatch vehicles and the entry and egress to property be checked.

- b) **Blythe Solar Farm** - The Clerk then reminded the Council of the Public Consultation at Great Wood Hall Tean on 4th March 2022 from 3pm – 7.30pm for the Blythe Solar Farm.
- c) **Totmonslow Solar Farm** – Information was circulated for Councillors to consider the consultation for the Totmonslow Solar Farm, which is an online consultation.

Clerk to put both Solar Consultation items on the March Agenda.

Meeting was closed at 20.25

Next Meeting date Monday 14th March 2021 at 7.30pm at Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG
Closing date for correspondence, written submissions, e-mails to draycottparishcouncil@gmail.com - 7 days before next meeting, please.

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