

MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council – Extraordinary General Meeting
 Held on: Monday, 6 December 2021

PRESENT

Hugh Jackson (Chair)
 Pauline Henninger
 Marcus Webb
 Chris Wood
 Lionel Yarde
 Julie Todd (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

5 Residents

APOLOGIES

Melissa Jordan
 Cllr Neil Bunyan – CBC
 Cllr Charles Gomm - CBC
 Cllr Gareth Mackey – CBC

| Agenda Item | ACTION |
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| <p>1.</p> | <p>APOLOGIES Cllr Melissa, Jordan, CBC Cllrs Neil Bunyan, Charles Gomm and Gareth Mackey.</p> |
| <p>2.</p> | <p>MEMBERS' INTERESTS None</p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p>CREMATORIUM, FORDFIELD ROAD Planning Application: CB/21/04809/REG3 Cllr Jackson outlined the details of the application: location is small field behind Steppingley Hospital; some differences from previous application – namely footpath from Steppingley Roundabout. Cllr Jackson reiterated that despite repeated requests answer from CBC are not forthcoming re proposals for usage of fields and farms in the area. The Grade II listed farmhouse on Froghall Road now has a tarpaulin over the roof – the structural engineering report is yet to be shared by CBC.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath from Steppingley Roundabout - creeping urbanisation of this area • Land behind hospital – possible site for housing • CBC 2018 budget identified the crematorium as new and contemporary and income generating. SPC requested copy of the budget which was refused, FOI application refused and appeal turned down • Previous consultation in September/October 2018 – Steppingley Gardens had not been completed <p>Grounds for objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Belt – development only under very special circumstances. Local Plan identifies this area as Green Belt • No Call for Sites by CBC • No commercial applications for a crematorium – is there are need? |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absence of public consultation – previous application 88% objected. A resident stated that in this instance a public consultation is not obligatory and CBC had replied that social media channels had been used. It was also reported that no site notices have been posted. • Local Plan approved this year – no mention of a crematorium • Furnace – how does this comply with CBC’s Green Policy? COP 26 call for reduction in carbon emissions • Proposed screening of site with trees – it would be clearly visible from Steppingley and from the reservoir footpath • Openness of countryside emphasised in Local Plan • CBC Farm Estates Plan – application does not comply. This farmland could be productive • Contravenes Steppingley’s dark skies policy • Fordfield Road – although splay has been enlarged in this application, the road remains unsuitable for increased traffic – particularly the double bend <p>Cllr Jackson confirmed that SPC would be objecting to the proposal and urged residents to make their views known to CBC and our CBC councillors. The deadline is 10 December 2021 and the application will be discussed at a DMC meeting probably January’s.</p> | |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS None raised.</p> | |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday, 5 January 2022.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 2028.</p> | |

The above are considered a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Signed
Hugh Jackson (Chairman)

Date