

Minutes of the Ridgmont Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2019 at Ridgmont Lower School, Ridgmont starting at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs M Spearing- Chairman, P Fewings, R Kemeny, Lyn Lyman – Clerk and over 30 residents. Also present were members from Brogborough Parish Council.

In attendance: CB Cllrs S Clark & K Matthews.

286. To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from: Cllrs H Francis, P Francis & J O'Hara and CB Cllr R Morris.

Prologis Planning Application: CB/18/04600/OUT Land to the south EAST OF Prologis Park Marston Gate.

Cllr Spearing welcomed all present and explained about the planning application highlighting the most important aspects which will affect the village the most.

- It will be the size of 84 football pitches.
- Buildings will be built speculatively.
- This will include a further roundabout on A507.
- We are in a Conservation area and we have a right of view which is obviously going to change drastically. Light pollution is affecting most homes within the village at present.
- There will be dedicated parking for visitors to the area, horse riders etc. The buildings will be built speculatively.
- There is a surplus supply of employment buildings/land in the area laying empty even now, especially within central Bedfordshire.
- Employees are being bused-in - it is not local jobs for local people. Warehousing employment doesn't mean many jobs.
- Junction 13 cannot cope with traffic at present.
- Responses need to be objective and involve planning objections.
- Is the ground to be lowered so the warehouses are not quite so high and imposing.
- It will affect the Greensand Ridge.
- Footpaths/Bridlepaths will have to be re-directed round the buildings.

All planning applications in the area were explained. (Brogborough).

Objections have to be in by the end of February but getting them in sooner will be better. The Inspector may be carrying out his hearing around May time. The Local Plan process should be completed before this. .

If not determined, the developer has the right to ask for a determination by the inspector.

The village will be leafleted in the very near future.

This is a very large planning application and takes a lot of hard work and due diligence to go through.

Ideally we need more backing from our MP. She has already received a letter of objection.

The Parish Council would be unable to pay for everything so there is a 'go fund me' operation in progress to raise funds so any offerings will be gratefully accepted.

Would funds be available to go towards the costs from the Village Hall committee? They can only use interest. If the committee meet and agree this it could be put to the village as it is for the benefit of the residents.

Cllr Spearing was thanked for her explanations and help. This is a wonderful place to live and we want to continue enjoying it.

As this meeting went on until 9pm, it was agreed we would RESOLVE to pay the outstanding invoices and carry over the Parish Council business until the March meeting.

Balance as at 8th December 2018 is £5,616.54

It was **RESOLVED** the following invoices be paid:

HMRC 3 rd ¼ PAYE	183.40	100693
Andy Muskett St Ltg Maintenance	107.76	100694
SLCC 5 th SLCC Regional Training Day	19.20	100695
Mrs Lyman Clerks Allowance December / January	66.68	s/o
Mrs Lyman December Salary	357.55	s/o
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e,on Monthly energy charge – November	139.45	s/o
e.on Monthly Energy Charge – December	134.96	s/o
e.on Monthly Energy Charge – January	139.45	
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The meeting closed at 9pm.