

BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PLANNING MEETING
Tuesday 10 November 2015
in The Village Hall, Braybrooke at 7.00 pm.

1 **ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES**

Present: Councillors: Mrs. D. Berry (Chair), Mrs. A. Beardsmore, Mrs. M. Jessop, Mr. G. Normand, Mrs. K. Stanley, Frances Allbury (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. N. Glazebrook, D. Howes, A. Matthews

Parishioners: 10

2 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4 KET/2015/0065: APP/L2820/W15/3131916

Biddle, Foster and Smith

The Paddock, Park Hill, Braybrooke LE16 8LP

Use as permanent traveller site for 3 no. pitches

Cllr Stanley opened the meeting by explaining the background to the application. She referred parishioners to changes to national Government policy in August 2015 on the way that Applications from travellers and gypsies should be dealt with. The Policy redefines travellers and gypsies, distinguishing between nomadic travellers and settled communities who no longer travel. It states that that travellers should no longer always be treated purely as a settled community. It places an emphasis on protecting the countryside and ensuring that when assessing the suitability of rural or semi-rural settings by local planning authorities such sites do not dominate and overwhelm the nearest settled community.

Cllr Stanley encouraged all parishioners to make their own personal submissions to the Planning Directorate in Bristol via the KBC planning website with a deadline of 18 November 2015. Submissions made at previous hearings concerning this Application will also be taken into account and therefore new submissions should repeat existing statements. Harrington, Arthingworth and Great Oxenden will also be sending their own submissions. Submissions could also emphasize the fact that there is a considerable concentration of gypsy and traveller developments surrounding the village. A caravan count in January 2015 of 122 in the Borough of Kettering states that the majority are within a three mile radius of Black Paddock and 17 pitches within 250 yards of the site. This represents a vast over concentration of sites very close to Braybrooke which is almost unique.

Kettering Borough also has a Five Year Plan in place with regard to the provision of gypsy and traveller sites running through to 2021 that provides suitable alternative sites and therefore the expansion of sites close to Braybrooke are totally unnecessary.

The Clerk, in conjunction with Cllr Stanley, will prepare the Parish Council's response immediately and send it by special delivery on Friday to ensure that it arrives before the deadline of 17 November 2015. The Planning Inspectorate will not acknowledge receipt of any submissions, but all letters received by the deadline will be passed to the Inspector dealing with the appeal.

Details of how to address letters will be circulated through an NN Raid email which Cllr Stanley will send round tomorrow. It is anticipated that the result of the appeal will not be made available for up to three months.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 17 November 2015

Provisional Planning Meeting 15 December 2015, both in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm

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