

BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PLANNING MEETING
Monday 2 September 2019 in the Village Hall, Braybrooke

1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Present: Cllrs. F. Kinnear, G. Hague,(in the Chair), P. Cleland, V. Cleland

Apologies: Cllrs G. Normand and A. Ayton, Clerk Mrs F. Allbury

In attendance: 2 parishioners

There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The two parishioners present both expressed their strong opposition to planning permission being granted for the temporary log cabin.

3 PLANNING APPLICATION

KET/2019/0488: Wantage Farm Buildings, Harborough Road, Braybrooke

Full Application: construction of open fronted livestock shed and siting of temporary log cabin for welfare and security purposes.

The Council considered the application and examined the plans provided to construct a livestock shed and a dwelling bungalow of temporary construction. The dwelling proposed was of a log cabin design and aimed to allow the management of the welfare and security of livestock.

The Parish Council noted the economic benefit to agriculture in the Parish with one additional part time member of staff being created by the development and therefore supported the proposal for the livestock shed, subject to consideration and protection of the existing trees.

Councillors present raised strong objections about the temporary log cabin and its erection in the green belt because there was no compelling case of need.

The Council felt that there was no need for the agricultural worker to live adjacent to the livestock with many farmers living some way away from their livestock and travelling at key periods. With regard to security of the livestock, the Council noted that the site is reasonably visible from the road, protected by the railway line to its rear and with a hedge and a ditch along the Harborough Road perimeter. It was not therefore a site particularly exposed to crime.

With regard to the consideration of alternative accommodation as discussed in the Applicant's Planning Statement, it was noted that it was not likely that GWM Farms would be able to purchase a dwelling in Braybrooke or the surrounding area at a comparable cost to the temporary dwelling. The Council felt that this was not a realistic comparison. However from time to time rental properties do become available in the village but nevertheless properties are available nearby in Market Harborough and in Desborough, with the latter being generally at lower cost than Braybrooke.

The Parish Council also believed that there were a number of existing trees on the site which were not considered in the application and not noted in Section 10 of the Application Form and that these should be taken into account in relation to both the livestock shed (as noted above) and the proposed dwelling.

These comments were forwarded to KBC Planning to be taken into account when discussing the planning application.

4 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.

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