

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024 the Ron Crascall Pavilion

Present	M Bloom, G Brown (Chairman), Mrs. J Day, A Flint, Mrs. A Pepper, T Sparkes, Mrs. T Shaw, Mrs. Y Tricker, County Councillor Andrew Stringer, District Councillors Rachel Eburne, Mrs. C Pizzey (Clerk) and 28 members of the public
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S Swinge. 2. The members accepted the apologies.
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
3.	<p>Dispensations</p> <p>There were no requests for Dispensations received.</p>
4.	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>The Chairman presented background information on the planning applications that were being considered at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident from Elmswell reported on the extensive noise that can be heard from the existing quarry site and would like to the operating hours to decrease from 6 days a week to enable families to enjoy their surroundings. • A resident from Haughley New Street was concerned that the application would be approved unless enough objections are received and the conditions that were placed on the existing quarry application have not been adhered to. • A resident from Haugley raised concerns over the bio Diversity issues on the site and the effects on health in relation to the PM 10 and PM 2.5 particles of silica that are microscopic airborne and linked to various lung disease. The resident also reported that in January 2022 a parliamentary debate on the issue of locating sand quarries close to residential housing concluded, recorded as public record that the parliamentary group of MPs leading this debate were very concerned for any residents living within 1.5

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	<p>kilometres of a sand quarry due to the health risks associated with invisible airborne silica particles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident from Wetherden raised concerns about the current operation of Aggmax and responses received from Suffolk County Council when complaints are made about the site. • A resident from Haughley New Street reported on the state of the road. • A resident from Elmswell reported that the planning application does not show the development that borders the site and the recording of two red data book bird species in hedgerows bordering the site. • A resident from Haughley raised concerns over the increase of traffic through the village. • A resident from Haughley New Street asked about the time scale for the use of the site and wanted to know what landfill material would be dumped at the site. • A resident from Elmswell raised concerns that the new development in Elmswell had been approved when this application had been live at the time. • A Resident from Elmswell reiterated the comment regarding the long-term effects of dust and lack of security at the quarry, lack of fencing and reported that individuals can openly walk into the open site. • A resident from Wetherden reported concerns footpath 21 that runs through the site and specifically the trees that are of historic interest that are situated on the footpath.
5.	<p>Planning</p> <p>SCC/0127/23MS - Proposal: Northern extension to Lawn Farm Quarry for the extraction, processing, sale and distribution of sand and gravel and subsequent restoration using inert materials. Northern extension to Lawn Farm Quarry for the extraction, processing, sale and distribution of sand and gravel and subsequent restoration using inert materials. Location: Land to the north of Lawn Farm Quarry, Old Bury Road, Wetherden, Suffolk, IP14 3JU.</p> <p>Mrs T. Shaw proposed that the Parish Council OBJECTS to the application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original planning application conditions were not fit for purpose or adhered to. • The application is contrary to the Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan G4 policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) vehicle movements, access, and wider highways network: The Parish Council has concerns that if the applicant is merging the phases, this will increase vehicle movements when working in more areas at the same time. If this is the case then this will have an

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impact on traffic movement for the residents of Haughley New Street. The requirement to turn left out of the quarry site is not always followed, with some aggregate vehicles using Warren Lane to enter and pass through Elmswell. Warren Lane, Elmswell and Park Road, Wetherden are subject to 7.5 tonne weight limits and a NO left turn for quarry vehicles into Stowmarket Road from Haughley New Street. Vehicles from the quarry frequently ignore the weight limits and condition.

c) landscape character, visual impact setting and designated landscapes including areas of outstanding natural beauty and the broads:

d) biodiversity including Nutra 2000 sites, ancient woodland, and trees: Habitats that will be lost to the development including 400m of hedgerow and two mature oak trees and the Parish Council note the report of two red data book bird species that were recorded at the site.

g) public rights of way: Footpath 21 as identified on the Definitive Footpath Map (SCC) runs through the application and this has a heavy footfall of use from Haughley and neighbouring parishes. It is noted that it is proposed to divert this path around the application site.

k) air quality including dust and odour: Concerns on the effect of health including in relation to the PM 10 and PM 2.5 particles of silica that are microscopic airborne and linked to various lung disease. The Parish Council note that in January 2022 a parliamentary debate on the issue of locating sand quarries close to residential housing concluded, recorded as public record that the parliamentary group of MPs leading this debate were very concerned for any residents living within 1.5 kilometres of a sand quarry due to the health risks associated with invisible airborne silica particles.

q) mud and aggregate on the road: Concerns over the level of mud on Old Bury Road and Haughley New Street. This has an impact on the blocking of the drains on the roads causing issues for residents.

- Public Safety around the site is a Health and Safety concern. The site is currently open for individuals to access the quarry site with security fences in disrepair in several locations around the quarry.
- The planning application makes no mention of St John's Mead Development in Elmswell (roads include Lea Close, Furlong Close, Bere Road, New Beck Road, Jervises Croft and Procession Way) or the open public space that borders the site.

However, if it was to be approved, Haughley Parish Council would want to see the following

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	<p>conditions adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement that wheel wash facilities to be used on <u>EVERY VEHICLE</u> before they leave the site • Monitoring air pollution on a <u>MONTHLY</u> basis • Safe use of the footpaths running through the site, including as diverted. • Security on site needs to be tightened and fences to be installed and maintained for the safety of the residents and individuals accessing the footpaths 20, 21 and 22 and to inhibit dogs entering working areas of the quarry site. • Ensure that the proposed bunds are of sufficient height and mass to inhibit noise emanating from the quarry site being audible at nearby residential property. • Requirement to sheet loads to minimise the quantity of materials being shed onto the highways. Failing to do this is a breach of the businesses operator's licence. • Request the use of number plate identification equipment to help enforcement. • Reinforce the requirement for HGVs to or from the quarry site NOT to travel through Wetherden and/or Elmswell other than for deliveries to or from those Parishes. • Provide and maintain additional tree and hedge planting. • Reduction in the number of days the site is open from 6 to 5 (Monday to Friday) and adoption of standard working hours of 8am-5pm and clear clarification is required prior to this part of the site becoming operational. • A suitable and sufficient Traffic Management Plan to be written and agreed prior to this part of the site becoming operational. <p>Mrs A. Pepper seconded with all in favour.</p> <p>SCC/0084/20MS/VOC2 - Proposal: Variation of conditions 1, 11, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 36, 53, 54, 56 and 57 attached to planning permission reference SCC/0084/20MS/VOC. Variation of conditions 1, 11, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 36, 53, 54, 56 and 57 attached to planning permission reference SCC/0084/20MS/VOC. Location: Lawn Farm Quarry, Old Bury Road, Wetherden, Suffolk, IP14 3JU.</p> <p>Mrs. T Shaw proposed the Parish Council OBJECTS to the planning application and the same comments are submitted as per application SCC/0127/23MS. Mrs. A Pepper seconded with all in favour.</p>
6.	<p>MSDC Call for Sites</p> <p>Mrs. Y. Tricker proposed that the Parish Council agrees that the collective response: -</p>

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	<p><i>A collective response to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Call for Sites 2024 from the parishes of Old Newton with Dagworth & Gipping, Haughley, Stowupland, Bacton, Wetherden and Woolpit. The villages that lie along the A14 corridor from Junction 47 to Junction 51 have, over recent years, been subjected to substantial development to the point of almost obliterating the rural nature of our villages and reducing them to mere dormitories for a commuting population. We do not feel, therefore, that it is appropriate or necessary to canvass to volunteer further sites within our parishes.</i></p> <p><i>We believe that our infrastructure is already overstretched and do not feel it is responsible or desirable to expand further. The existing developments need to be bedded-in within the communities before pushing for further development and Mid Suffolk should now be looking elsewhere in the county for their call for sites. Councillors firmly believe that our area of Mid Suffolk is struggling due to the lack of regular public transport services, doctors and dental surgeries, and schools that are becoming so full that students have to be transported out of their immediate area on a daily basis.</i></p> <p><i>All the above are strong reasons why any further planning/development should be avoided at all costs, until such time as sufficient enhancements have been made to our local infrastructures. All our Parish Councillors believe our villages have been more than generous in accepting so much housing development, but feel that this is not the time to even consider further development.</i></p> <p><i>to the MSDC "Call for Sites" together with Bacton, Old Newton, Wetherden and Woolpit Parish Councils and that an additional comment is made in relation to Parishes that have Neighbourhood Plans. A Flint seconded with all in favour.</i></p>
19.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Haughley Parish Council Meeting scheduled on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at Ron Cras-call Pavilion at 7.00pm 2. Biodiversity Working Group scheduled for Monday 4th March 2024 at Maxwell Charnley Room
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.30
<p>A copy of any reports or correspondence cited in the minutes can be made available from the clerk on receipt of written application</p> <p style="text-align: center;">clerk@haughleypc.co.uk</p>	

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