

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Clopton Village Hall at 7:30pm
On Wednesday 10th October 2018.

Present: Cllr Angwin (Chair) Cllr Fryatt Cllr Yallop Cllr Raffell	In Attendance: 1 Clopton Resident 1 neighbouring landowner Miss K Bye (Clerk)	Apologies Cllr Pryke
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<p>CPC074/18 Chairman's Welcome Cllr Angwin welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
<p>CPC075/18 Public Forum/Open Session</p> <p>Public Rights of Way – Debach Airfield – Cllr Angwin has declared an interest in the issue of the footpath access in relation to Planning Application DC/18/3763/OUT. Cllr Raffell will take his place in any discussions required in this matter.</p> <p>John Taylor from F G Taylor and Sons attended the meeting in order to discuss the rights of way in general across the Debach Airfield associated with F G Taylor and Sons land.</p> <p>The farm feels that they act with the community in mind as closely as they can with regards to public access, to this end they have implemented a private track scheme that has taken a large number of horse riders off the roads. They maintain their footpaths for walkers.</p> <p>However the Airfield is a working farm and as such is hazardous to members of the public.</p> <p>The farm ask members of the public to please use the designated footpaths and please do not use the concrete paths and the farmyard areas situated off Drabbs lane.</p> <p>No entry signs have been erected on access points that are not public rights of way. This has been done for the following reasons.</p> <p>Health and Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of the public create a hazard when they are in places that they are not permitted especially around heavy farm machinery and equipment. Farms are inherently dangerous places and only permitted people should enter. - Unpermitted dogs should not be allowed in farm areas. Historically a farm worker has been bitten by a dog, dog excrement has been found in grain stores and over the farm area. This is unacceptable in an area that handles food stuffs. - Regular shoots are held on the farm land and it is highly hazardous for walkers to walk in non designated areas when a shoot is taking place. <p>Farm security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The farm has suffered from incidents of theft and suspicious behaviour. - The farm has suffered from three separate cases of arson in straw stacks. <p>Regarding the existing footpaths in place F G Taylor and Son have agreed to discuss with the Parish Council any concerns regarding footpath queries and propositions.</p>	Cllr Raffell

<p>Damage of the Village notice board – Rouse Hall Estate</p> <p>The glass in two panels of the village notice board have been damaged and needs to be replaced or removed, there is also some minor damage to one of the panes on the Village notice board at the Village Hall.</p> <p>The Parish Council will arrange for the damaged glass panels to be replaced with polycarbonate, however if continued damage is sustained they will be forced to consider the removal of the notice board/s in question.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>CPC076/18 Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Pryke.</p>	
<p>CPC077/18 Declaration of Interests/Dispensation Applications Received Cllr Angwin made a declaration of interest with regards to the planning application DC/18/3763/OUT and therefore left the meeting at this point.</p>	
<p>CPC078/18 Planning Matters</p> <p>Planning Decisions – DC/18/3763/OUT Clopton Commercial Park, Debach Airfield, Clopton Details – Extension to business park with erection of one and two storey units and studio/gym</p> <p>The Council have noted that the existing development of the buildings already on the site has improved an area that was a local eyesore.</p> <p>Regarding the new planning application DC/18/3763/OUT the councils concerns were that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This application represents a clear departure from policy outlined in ‘The Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan, Document of January 2017’ page 69 Policy SSP23. In brief summery this explains that the site is fully occupied, planning permission will be granted for new employment provision, through re-development or refurbishment or other change of use of existing buildings. There is no provision for new buildings. - There are concerns that the sewerage infrastructure available to the site may be inadequate and would need to be investigated. - The planning application DC/18/3763/OUT obstructs footpath number FB5. - The addition of the proposed 125 employed individuals plus traffic to the gym/studio and all associated delivery traffic will increase the daily traffic considerably, this is a major concern. Traffic impact on the local highway network is already outlined in The Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan as a key concern in relation to this site, and that is based on the development of the existing buildings alone without any new builds. Ref Page 68 section 3.25 	

