

Denby Parish Council

Minutes of the extraordinary virtual meeting held at 6.45pm, Monday, 8th February 2021

Ex/01/08/02/2021 Apologies and reason for absence

Vice Chair – J Brown – work commitments

Ex/02/08/02/2021 Declaration of Members Interest

None

Ex/03/08/02/2021 Public Speaking

Jane Rogers – Denby Footpaths Group, thanked the parish council for re-considering this matter, the original response was written before the revised application was submitted. Therefore, there are quite a few points that need re-visiting.

Will the representative of NTP be attending the enquiry and cross examining or not?

If this appeal is granted in the revised smaller scale, this gives president for future developments i.e land to the west (Station Road) under same land ownership.

If NTP are not appointed to represent the parish, would a parish representative speak with a summary of the representation?

Could the parish council support development improvements at the Greenway.

A local resident spoke in support of the Footpath Group's request for the parish council to appoint a councillor to speak at the enquiry.

Will the written representation be included on the parish council website? The clerk advised that as soon as it is approved by members it will be uploaded to the website.

Improvements at Kilburn Toll Bar need to be given consideration.

Ex/04/08/02/2021 AVA/2019/0463 – Town & Country Planning Act 199 – Appeal under section 78

1. Appointment of Northern Town Planning Ltd.

Cllr's comments,

Cllr Fogell

Do we have an indication as to how much it will cost for NTP to go over the appeal papers and refresh the parish councils representation. NTP have the technical expertise to deal with this matter.

Wasn't there some years ago a study that showed the B6179 had some very poor air quality re traffic at the Toll Bar? Should this be brought into the representation in respect of those that have had Covid-19 and may be suffering with long lasting damage to their lungs which further worsening of are quality with additional traffic will exacerbate.

Should we enquire if any of the big companies have reduced their workforce numbers of moving to modern premises and investing in new technologies thereby mitigating the 'creation of new jobs' as cited in the appeal papers.

If anyone has any historical points of reference/information that could be shared with NTP this may well prove beneficial.

Cllr M Waterfall explained that a quotation had been sought for NTP to represent the parish council at the enquiry, costs that could stretch to £7,000, therefore NTP's advice would be to present a detailed written response rather than attend the enquiry.

Cllr's Mosley, Bilson and Archer had already circulated their comments/concerns to the clerk/members for inclusion in the representation.

Cllr P Bilson raised questions regarding the enquiry process, the clerk advised that all representations needs to be made by 1st March 2021.

Cllr Mosley had spoken with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, points of concerns, the access roads could increase the amount of woodland lost. Would the mitigation for loss of Green Belt be delivered? What guarantees are in place?

A conversation was held around the need protect public open space to help with wellbeing and mental health.

Cllr M Smith raised that in the application the only junction for improvement is Steam Mill Lane, no further improvements highlighted. Cllr M Waterfall mentioned that should the development go ahead, maybe the parish council should ask for further improvements to be included.

Cllr P Archer raised a number of questions regarding planning conditions, including section 106 agreements.

Cllr G Middleton in total support of the appointment of NTP Ltd. Apologies for exiting the meeting early.

2. Amendments/modifications to the representation submitted on 27th June 2019 – the original representation had been circulated to members. Cllr Waterfall asked members to circulate any further comments/concerns to the clerk as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Fogell proposed appointing NTP, this was seconded by Cllr Mosley, with all members in favour (show of hands).

Resolved to approve the appointment of NTP at a cost of £85.00 per hour (estimated time 12/18 hours)

Cllr M Waterfall kindly offered to represent the parish council at the enquiry, due to the limited time, this will be presented in the form of bullet points.

Meeting finished 19.51pm

Cllr G Middleton exited the meeting at 7.33pm.