

BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Bradley Parish Council's
Extra Ordinary Meeting

Held at:

St Georges Church, Church Lane, Bradley

On:

Monday 15th April 2019

At 7.00pm

MINUTES

AGENDA

19/24 Present

Cllr V Turner (Chair), Cllr D Bryden (Vice Chair), Cllr B Turner, Cllr A Poppleton

In Attendance: David Hasthorpe – Ward Councillor
Clerk for the Bradley Parish Council

28 Members of the Public

19/25 Apologies

No Apologies

19/26 Declaration of Interest (Local Government Act 2012)

No Declarations of Interest given

19/27 New Planning Application No DM/0221/19/FUL

BRADLEY FOOTBALL PITCHES EXTENSION

Regarding the proposals to: Replace existing grass pitch with all weather grass pitch (AGP) upgrade flood lighting system, install acoustic barriers, rearrange existing grass pitches and install new one way system with extra access from Bradley Road.

At the above meeting the following objections were raised and these objections have now been sent to NELC Planning Department.

- **TRAFFIC** – installing a new entrance on Bradley Road nearer to Bradley roundabout does not go any way towards easing the congestion which will be caused when traffic is attending the site, in fact it is felt that it may well cause grid lock back to Bradley roundabout. Traffic accessing the site coming along Bradley Road towards Bradley roundabout will be waiting to turn across oncoming traffic, again causing

back up down Bradley Road. Although this entrance enables the site to run a one way system traffic exiting the site will also be causing similar problems further down Bradley Road. Equally if the existing entrance/exit remains the same size, coaches and large vehicles exiting the site turning towards Waltham will have to go well beyond the centre of the road to complete their exit. This problem already exists, therefore with increased usage of the site this would escalate the problem, by slowing the movement of the traffic which in turn would then encourage even more people to park on the grass verges outside of the site - a problem that is already a major issue.

- **LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL PITCH** - Although Bradley acknowledge that NELC and/or Lincs Inspire have acted upon some suggestions to site the additional pitch behind the building instead of at the end of the site near to Stephen Crescent it is still felt that the extra noise/bad language caused by an additional pitch would not be acceptable.
- **NOISE** – It is felt that the acoustic readings provided by NELC do not show a true example of the noise etc emitted from the site as this data is based on national figures. With regard to the proposed opening times of the centre ie 08:00 to 22:00 Monday to Friday and until 18:00 at weekends this means particularly at the weekends, when residents are wanting to get the benefit of being in their gardens the noise levels will be extremely high and possibly all day. It was also raised by the residents that the language being shouted at the matches is very inappropriate and is not suitable for people to be hearing constantly - particularly children. With regard to the proposed sound reducing suggestions ie grass mounds and sound barriers, it was concluded that these will be totally inadequate for the volume of sound expelled.
- **LIGHTING** – Many residents felt that the existing light pollution was unacceptable and if the proposal of upgrading the lighting to the complex, together with the addition of extra lights then the problem with the pollution would be increased to an even greater unacceptable level.
- **MISCELLANEOUS** - We are given to understand that the land of the site in question was originally given to be used for the benefit of the community free of charge. Therefore each time Lincs Inspire take a further section of the site with a chargeable rate for participants then this leaves even less useable space for the community. In addition to this it is also felt that residents are concerned that their Council Tax contributions are providing Lincs Inspire with more profit at the expense of the less community free usage. Observation has shown that an increased amount of litter has been evident especially around the perimeter of the site which inevitably will increase with higher usage.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed

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