**Minutes of the Hoton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting**

**Held in Hoton Village Hall on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.45pm**

**In attendance**: Cllr Cassell (Chair), Cllr Dargie, Cllr Doherty, Cllr Girgis, Cllr Rathod and Victoria Webster (Parish Clerk)

*The meeting commenced at 7.48pm*

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| 1. | **To receive apologies for absence**  Apologies were received and approved from Cty Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Boker. |
| 2. | **Declarations of interests: disclosable pecuniary interests; personal interests; or personal interests that may lead to bias, by parish councillors to items on the agenda.**  No declarations of interest were made. |
| 3. | **To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th December 2022** The minutes were accepted as true and accurate and were proposed by Cllr Rathod and seconded by Cllr Girgis. |
| 4. | **Questions and comments from members of the public (10 minutes)**  The Chair stated he is willing to flexible with the 10 minutes allocated to members of the public to speak.  Introductions took place, Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe Prestwold estate owner, Hamish Byers Prestwold estate manager and Martin Beaks, Fleet Auction group owner.  A member of the public who lives on Wymeswold Road has read the planning application and feel as long as the estate adheres to the traffic plan there will be very little impact on the area. At present there is no disturbance or noise from the site. The villager did say the site appears to expand each time they see it. Hamish confirmed that no new buildings requiring planning permission have been constructed, just that those that were moved from the previous auction site have been erected.  The villager raised a concern with the gateway that appeared and sought clarification as to why it is there and if it will be utilised for the incoming and outgoing to the sight. Edward confirmed the gateway is part of a project to raise poultry using solar panels and the estate needed to create an additional agriculture access point as a bio secure access point for the washing off etc. Hamish confirmed any change to use of this gateway would incur a further planning application which members of the public would be able to comment on.  The question was raised if this project would see an increase in the livestock which in turn would see an increase in traffic due to the requirements for this. Edward confirmed there are no current plans to increase the livestock and is currently only a personal project. The villager has lived in the village for 35 years and the volume of traffic increases every year on Wymeswold Road and need to bear this in mind.  The question was raised about traffic through the village and the volume of transporters a day.  Hamish confirmed there should be on average around 10 car transporters and 70 cars a day. If no car transporters are required there will be more car movement instead. There will be 200-250 vehicles a week as average but this also depends how long cars are wanted to be stored.  Martin confirmed vehicles are stored on the land and when they first arrive on sight they validated and then images are taken vehicles. Process, regular security checks are carried out on storage cars. Anyone is welcome to visit the site and look around. Martin stated he wants to work with the committee the company works in and outlined some the community work the company had done. The head office is now in Burton on the Wolds, rather than Coalville as a commitment to the local community.  Cllr Girgis asked what capacity the site was currently running at as he hadn’t seen as many car transporters recently and has concerns over what could potentially be with the number of transporters coming through the village.  Martin confirmed the site is currently full but the commercial market slowed which has seen a reduction in movement.  A member of the public who lives opposite Prestwold Lane can clearly see traffic and that is has increased greatly and asked for a bigger picture of the future of the estate and its plans. He has seen an increase in traffic generally and not just the car transporters and includes traffic from everyman racing and a substantial increase in HDT vehicles which now seem to come through Hoton. He asked what the next big thing is after the auction site as there always seems to be something more. He understands the estate also does a lot for the local community and this is appreciated. The estate causes environment and health and safety issues due to traffic and events etc that take place on the estate. This is eroding the sense of living in the village. Something has to give. We will be in this position again in 2 years time.  Hamish sympathised and confirmed that the estate has reviewed the use of other routes but looking at a map of the area it would need a lot of development to support this. HDT has increased in it’s output significantly and now have in excess of 20 lorries. Every part of the airfield if now rented out and can’t see a significant change in the near future. There has been a decrease of everyman due to the amount of space rented to the auction site which will see a decrease in customer traffic.  The issues of access to site was raised which is currently purely via Prestwold Lane. Is there any reason why access can’t be via the industrial estate.  Hamish confirmed the estate may consider this if the current planning application is granted but work would need to be done to enable this. This would enable traffic to avoid the majority of the local villages. |
| 5. | **Business**  **To discuss and consider a response to planning application** **P/22/2163/2. Part change of use of airfield runway to Storage and Distribution of motor vehicles (Class B8) with associated infrastructure (Retrospective Application).**  It was agreed to request an extension to enable the Parish Council to visit the site and carry out adequate research as there hasn’t been sufficient time to allow for this. A further extraordinary meeting will then be scheduled to discuss further. |
| 6. | **To agree items for the Press Release**  Lagoon – statement from Hamish. Email Hamish. |
| 7. | **To receive agenda items for the next meeting**  This planning application  Vinetree Terrace Issues |

*The meeting closed at 8.55pm*

These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record.

Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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