

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the WI Hall, Turnpike Road, Connor Downs commencing at 7.00pm.

<u>Present</u>	Councillors	N Bawden	A Burt
		D Cupples	L Pascoe
		M Pryor	S Rowe (Chairman)
		M Smith (Vice Chairman)	J Tovey

Others present 88 member of the public, Mrs Vida Perrin, Clerk to the Council

1. Routine matters

- a) Safety Procedure – The Chairman advised of the fire exits, location of toilets and asked that mobile phones be switched to silent during the meeting. He stated questions through the Chair only.
- b) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Norman, Homes, Thomas and Negus.
- c) To receive personal and prejudicial interests (including the details thereof) and preapproved dispensations in respect of any items on this Agenda. There were no preapproved dispensations in respect of any items on this Agenda.
  - i. *Cllr Pascoe declared that “In commenting on any item on this agenda I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position when the matter is discussed at Cornwall Council and full information is available”.*
- d) Public Participation. The Chair allowed the community to speak under item 2a.

2. To consider planning matters

- a) PA19/05652 [Change of use of land and construction of a Green Waste Open Windrow Composting Facility and associated infrastructure](#) Land West Of New Mill Roseworthy Hill Roseworthy TR14 0DU Green Waste Company *Planning Zone Councillors Cllr Bawden (lead) Cllr Cupples (Support)*
  - i. Green Waste (GW) provided a short film showing another site in operation and outlined the proposal, stating the following:-
    1. 5 people attended the site meeting at Hayle organised by the applicant on Tuesday.
    2. The proposed site will take brown bin waste, plastic and farm waste and household garden waste.
    3. EA’s smallest banding is 75,000 currently taking in around 25,000, the same material going to Hayle will go to this site.
    4. Average movements are 17, this is more seasonal, opening hours will be 7.30-6pm Mon to Fri, 7.30-1pm Sat and 10-4pm Sun and bank hols but only for accepting materials no processing on Sundays.
    5. Roche site has different buildings over site, this site will amalgamate in one building, and they are not going to rent out any of the office space.
    6. Wood currently being exported to Roche from Hayle, this new site would take both.
  - ii. A member of the public raised concern over the large area to be concreted. Green Waste (GW) stated that only part of the site would be concreted with the remainder staying as agricultural use, the proposal was in line with EA guidance on how waste should be stored.
  - iii. A member of the public said surely expanding the site they have would be more cost effective. GW stated there was a conflict between the Hayle site and the existing farm which owned the land around the site as well as a footpath which limited expansion.
  - iv. A member of the public stated Connor Downs already suffered speeding issues, this type of site needed direct access off the A30 why not create a road from the A30, also it is a Greenfield with flooding issues.
  - v. A member of the public stated the report provided shows 300 vehicle movements possible double in and out, hills on both side will keep noise and pollution in, dangerous access, other site such as the one opposite Premier Inn or at Loggans would be better places. GW stated they undertaken a site search looking at other options such as industrial estates and the CC brownfield register.
  - vi. A member of the public asked if GW had taken into account the impact on other businesses in the area, what if green waste turns into food waste, current site better option, and impact on businesses of noise. GW outlined their current businesses and agreed to put the documentation which shows how they looked at other sites on the planning portal under the application. The noise assessment used data taken from the kit that will be used on site and is in line with British standards.
  - vii. A member of the public asked with local people would be compensated if there was noise and smells. GW advised EA or Environmental Health can take enforcement action if the company is not abiding by the regulations. The compost needs to be kept alive and produces a nice sweet smell.
  - viii. A member of the public again raised concern about the potential 300/600 vehicle movements. GW stated 300 not correct and Highways are happy with 16 movements.
  - ix. A member of the public said the application does not comply with planning policy and the anomalies within the application have not been corrected. The application ignores the excellent site the company already has; the nearest receptor calculations are incorrect. GW said there was a miscalculation within the report but that the nearest receptor was still over 250m from the site boundary with the operation area being further away.
  - x. A member of the public asked what the community would get from the site, GW said they carry out tours do charity work and a lot of other businesses need the site to make a living.

- xi. A member of the public raised concern about the spraying of the ground and how that might get into the stream which goes to Gwithian Beach. GW said the water was made up of good feed and the lagoon is emptied once a year and follows EA regulations.
- xii. Cllr Pryor asked if the compost on the concrete collected run off into the lagoon and have geophysical/mining/archeological reports been undertaken. GW said mining no issue, drainage, concrete area, gullies/pipes retention to lagoons, EA permit monitor quality of the water, tested scheme designed with EA guidance, EA and the CC Flood Officer have no objections.
- xiii. A member of the public raised concern about the dirty water reference and where that would go. GW water would be used to feed (water) compost, not dirty water nutritious feeds compost.
- xiv. A member of the public said would there be smell, dust and noise. GW already run two sites, want to work with neighbours, need to get right for it to work, windrow shredder dumps down, could bund site, screen with landscaping and work to the weather, happy to show people round existing site.
- xv. A member of the public raised concern that the company had not contacted the community prior to putting in the application and pressed the applicant on when they started their plans. GW said they undertook a pre-app 12 months ago which was now available online.
- xvi. A member of the public said lorries would come in and out, speed was already an issue and many accidents had happened in that road, access to the site needs to be right. GW Highways okay with the plans.
- xvii. A member of the public asked why the land is classified as grade 3b clearly should be 3a. GW consultants report states 3b rest of land will still be used for agricultural activity.
- xviii. A member of the public stated the land was greenbelt and should not be developed. GW stated technically the land is not greenbelt but open countryside in planning terms but the Planning Authority Cornwall Council will make the decision on whether the application meets planning criteria.
- xix. A member of the public urged the community to come together may have to take this to secretary of state.
- xx. A member of the public said this was outside the settlement boundary so why has it even been allowed to get this far. The Clerk clarified that the NP settlement boundary was for housing but that other policies would be relevant to this application in the NP.
- xxi. A member of the public asked about the current waste system. GW said Suez was the overriding waste company with Biffa undertaking collections and Green Waste taking those collections.
- xxii. A member of the public said the application made the entire site an industrial area not just the 2.6hectares. GW said the blue line indicated the area owned by the applicant but the red line would only count towards any approval.
- xxiii. A member of the public asked what comes out of the site. GW said finished product goes mainly on tractors and trailers and farm lorries but what goes out is a lot smaller than what comes in.
- xxiv. A member of the public said tractors will go through village at speed. GW tractors generally do not go over 30mph,
- xxv. A member of the public said how can 600 vehicle movements be good for the environment 7 days a week, air pollution, brake dust carcinogenic, red diesel worse for pollution no mention of it in report. GW stated they had clarified the vehicle movements and there had been no objection from air quality officer.
- xxvi. A member of the public said this would devalue people's houses. The Clerk clarified that that was not a planning consideration.
- xxvii. A member of the public asked if the Arsenic Towers had been taken into account. GW said they had within the reports submitted.
- xxviii. A member of the public said that the Parish Council are the voice of the community and hoped they would take on board the comments raised and think about the affect of this on future generations.
- xxix. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and advised that although the application was on the agenda for Monday, the Parish Council would make its decision at the 14<sup>th</sup> October meeting.

3. Late or urgent items not on the agenda  
None.

4. Agenda items for future meetings  
None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.