

Minutes of an Extra Meeting of Brampton Ash Parish Council held
Tuesday 12th May 2020, 7.30pm.

In accordance with current legislation relating to public meetings during the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, this meeting was held virtually, via the Zoom Application.

This meeting was open to members of the public, subject to prescribed regulations where applicable. Log-in details were supplied on the published agenda.

This meeting was recorded in accordance with the parish council's protocol.

Present: Parish Councillors

Cllr S Power (Chair) Cllr N Bevan Cllr W Brooks Cllr T Hilliard Cllr J Lillie

In Attendance: Liz Evans (Clerk)

Public Attendee(s): J White (the applicant)

Action By:

01/20-21	Chair's Announcements None	
02/20-21	Apologies for Absence None	
03/20-21	Declarations of Interest: <i>To Receive Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors On Matters to Be Considered at the Meeting.</i> Declarations of a personal and pecuniary interest in item 04 were received from Cllrs W Brooks and J Lillie and therefore neither of them would participate in the debate or vote on the item.	
04/20-21	Planning Matters: <i>To Consider Matters Relating to the following Planning Application:</i> Planning Application KET/2020/0106 (amended) Mr J White, Crabtree Farm, Hermitage Road, Brampton Ash Full Application: Change of use from woodland to leisure use with two pods and four bell tents and associated parking area Details can be found at the following link: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/planningApplication/129637 Expiry date for parish council consultations is extended to Tuesday 19 th May 2020 Councillors confirmed that they had viewed the plans and documentation on the Kettering Borough Council (KBC) website. The parish council had received an email from a parishioner, listing his objections to the development and asking parish councillors to consider them. The email had been circulated to parish council members prior to the meeting. The Chair explained that the final decision on planning applications lies with KBC who	

	<p>could only consider matters that fall into the category of ‘material considerations’ in planning terms, and therefore only comments falling within this category would be discussed. Speculation regarding either the behaviour of visitors to the site or the management of the site do not fall into that category.</p> <p>The applicant explained that he intended the site to be a retreat for nature lovers who would respect the local flora and fauna. He had no plans to expand the site at a future date, as this would detract from the peace and tranquillity that were integral to the site and which were crucial in attracting visitors to the setting. He pointed out that normal campsite rules would apply, and that excess noise would not be tolerated. He did not intend to clear the land, other than thinning out some of the more recently planted pine trees. Where appropriate, he would replace these with hardwood planting that was more natural to the environment. In the past, a neighbour had removed a hedge that had previously bordered his property and that of the neighbour. He proposed reinstating the hedge with traditional planting, such as Quickthorn and Hazel for example. He anticipated that the combined density and height of the existing and the intended planting would largely mitigate the visual impact of the units, associated lighting and other activities.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the development and made the following points:</p> <p>Regeneration of the woodland area would be beneficial to the community and to the environment.</p> <p>Whilst the size of the proposed site in its current form is a sustainable development in the country environment, any further expansion would be considered intrusive and would be resisted by the parish council.</p> <p>As the woods mature, they will provide cover for wildlife, as well as mitigating the visual impact of the proposed units and associated lighting.</p> <p>Access to the site would be via Hermitage Road, which is an unclassified single track. It was acknowledged that, at holiday times, there would be an increase in traffic movements but it was thought probable that the number would be negligible in relation to the daily commuter traffic that regularly uses Hermitage Road as a cut-through between the A6 and the A427.</p> <p>Parish councillors unanimously agreed to support the application. The clerk would inform KBC planners of their decision. Cllrs Brooks and Lillie abstained from voting (see item 03 above).</p>	<p>LE</p>
<p>05/20-21</p>	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Next meeting: Wednesday 29th July 2020. Details of the venue and format of the meeting will be announced in due course, depending on the Covid 19 regulations that are in place at the time.</p>	

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The meeting closed at 8.05 pm