

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Earl Soham Village Hall

Minutes for ESPC 11/01/18 at 19.30

Attending Chairman David Grose and Councillors, John Starke, Lucy Murrell, Mark Rutherford, Neil Warden and Clerk Guy Harvey

Public; 5 members of the public (names held by chair)

DG Opened the meeting at 19.30 and welcomed everyone

1 Apologies: from Celia Peacher, Anna Goymer, Andrew Patterson, Peter Russell

2 Declaration of interest: from Neil Warden ref anything to do with Mr B Hinton

3 Final draft for Precept unanimously agreed and approved

4 Public comment: Mr Hinton gave an explanation of what the expected uses of the buildings were and why one of them K9HS needed extended opening times their activities were 2 fold. Firstly dealing with owners and their dogs who might stay and have lunch etc. The second is they are nationally respected in their field and do training clinics which tend to be evenings Saturdays Sundays and Bank holidays usually staying for 2-4 days.

Mr Sharpe A very nearby neighbour. The application is B1 and should be Sui Generis so this would need to be changed.

They are quoting in their statement they will need to open on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and bank holidays this has been prohibited on this site and if granted will set a precedent for future applications. There is ref to this contravening countryside use under SP29, relevance of location under SP1 and SP1a, there is a question about traffic and noise under DM12 and loss of amenities under DM23

Mr Pierson who lives next door commented that he objected to the application on the grounds of extended opening times as the existing times gave the village respite from traffic and noise. He also asked if there wasn't a more suitable site.

5 Planning application DC/17/5058/FUL. DG We have just heard from both parties I have no problem with the builds or the activities it's more the impact of the extended opening times, weekend and bank holiday opening times on the residential neighbours nearby and extra traffic during the villages quieter times.

JS Happy with the type of buildings and fully support any extra employment opportunities in the village but as with DG cannot endorse the extended opening times

MR Concurred with JS

LM Enquired whether we could accept the application on an individual bases

After some discussion around this and whether individually this would set a precedent and perhaps this would be unfair for existing businesses that were not given permission to extend their opening times. Could this open the flood gates them to apply to extend their opening times. Future less desirable applications asking for 24/7 opening times. It was also noted during the Neighbourhood Plan consultation held in Oct '17 that there were concerns over extended opening hours at the business Centres and planning creep. It was also noted

that a high percentage of support for the application was from outside the area as far away as Dumfries in Scotland

DG asked everyone to vote. Unanimously objected.

6 Correspondence. We had some correspondence from Chris Hoare about our website and costs and it has turned out that we can get our web site hosting for free from FVS the only cost is Domain Transfer fee £14.39p Cheque raised and signed

7 nothing to add to next agenda

8 Next meeting 8th March 2018

The Chairman Thanked everyone for their support and coming to the meeting

Meeting closed at 20.31

Signed

Date