BRANDON AND BRETFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th February 2015 at Brandon Club at 6.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillors: Graham Wale, Chairman, Phil Wilson, Heather Timms, Michael Rayns, Peter Wilson, Joy Stanton
Lizz Clarke (Clerk)
12 members of the public.

761-1: Apologies
None

761-2: Declarations of Interest
None Declared

761-3: R14/1722 – Woodcroft Engineering, Rugby Road, Brandon
Outline permission with access, layout, appearance and scale for the demolition of existing disused car showroom and engineering works and subsequent erection of 9 six-bed detached dwellings with associated garages

The above planning application was discussed and the following objections to be submitted to Rugby Borough Council:-

• Proposed development land encroaches onto Greenbelt, which is outside the village envelope.
• This is a gateway site set in the conservation area of the village and the overall mass on the site is overbearing in impact.
• Housing needs survey undertaken in the parish has not been taken into consideration, i.e. need for bungalows and smaller affordable housing. Brandon is designated in the local plan as a small rural settlement where housing development should meet local needs.
• Over development in a conservation area of the village.
• The site has buried fuel tanks, one of which has been filled and one in use. This previous and current use of the site is not addressed in the application.
• The site is an engineering works and garage facility. There will be contamination of the site by oil/fuels etc generally from this use of the site for at least 50 years. Again this is not addressed in the application.
• Severn Trent are currently having difficulties with the sewage plant at Brandon (which also provides for parts of Wolston. Additional houses exacerbate these problems.
• Contrary to the wording in the application, there is a thriving on going engineering and garage business on site which provides employment for 18-20 full time local employees, with very many local customers. Please see http://www.weltd.co.uk for further information about the activities.

Meeting was closed at 7.20pm

Chairman’s Signature & Date.........................................................................................................................

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