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COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday 18th November 2020

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 p.m.

By ZOOM

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Present: Councillors Bailey (chairman), Harpham, Peel, Williams Rd and Williams RI; the clerk.
Resident MH

Interests: none

1. Apologies: none received

2. Open Forum: to assist those present, the chairman read out extracts from 3 written complaints he had received about the dairy business in operation from 'Stonewold' in Crabtree Lane, Cold Ashby NN6 6EF. He summarised a further 4 verbal complaints. In each case, the complaint referred to constant or regular noise from a refrigeration unit, other noise from delivery vehicles between 6.30 and 7 a.m., blocked pavements from parked business vehicles, inappropriate storage of milk and bread and the general intrusion of a business into a residential street scene.

In response MH (resident at the property concerned) explained the nature of the business and the unavoidable nature of some of the issues. He explained that he had recently moved from another family location and that the economics of the business suggested that he would not be able to move to other premises in the foreseeable future. He conceded the accuracy of many of the descriptions and explained the actions he had taken, or was in the process of taking, to reduce the unsocial aspects. He had spoken to neighbours and had received support from many of them. No-one had objected directly to him.

3. Complaints from residents. The chairman has received written and verbal complaints, directly and indirectly from residents about the use of a property in Crabtree lane (see above) for the purposes of a milk and dairy delivery business, which, it is claimed, represents a nuisance chiefly in that it causes noise during the day and at night and that vehicles associated with the business block the pavement and represent a danger to pedestrians.

The chairman had contacted the resident in charge of the business who had offered to make some changes in recognition of the problem, but has stated that the current arrangement is not temporary and will continue for the foreseeable future.

An amendment to the published resolution was proposed by Cllr Williams RD. and seconded by Cllr N Harpham. Proposing the motion, Councillor Williams explained that the business had changed the nature of the residential street significantly and in the view of many existing residents inappropriately. He accepted that businesses could be run from homes provided that they were office-based and discreet. It was the council's view that the contents of the complaints were substantially accurate. The following resolution was unanimously agreed.

It was resolved that: the clerk is authorised to contact the Daventry District Council in respect of the complaints concerning the operation of a business in Crabtree Lane.



Graham Jones, Clerk, 20.11.2020

