

## **FULL SUTTON & SKIRPENBECK PARISH COUNCIL**

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The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Parish Council held in the Training Centre, HMP Full Sutton at 7.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **OPEN FORUM**

There were thirty members of the public present. Wolds Weighton Ward Councillor Andy Burton was present. PK thanked everyone for attending and asked Ward/Parish Councillors to introduce themselves. The following points were made:

- A resident asked how many people had sent objections so far, out of 30 present 8 had already objected.
- A resident asked if the Parish Council could help people to object by giving them a standard letter to write their names and addresses on, sign and send to Susan Hunt at ERYC. He also mentioned that there were volunteers ready to help in whatever way they could.
- A flyer had been delivered around the village and surrounding area containing some great information and a link to the Planning Portal. A resident stated that the Planning Portal could be difficult to navigate and therefore put people off objecting.
- A resident asked if it was possible to have drop in sessions at the Training Centre to help people with their objections but it was felt that not enough people would turn up.
- A resident asked for confirmation of the deadline for objections, the Clerk replied that the official date is the 23<sup>rd</sup> January but the Parish Council had received an extension to the 15<sup>th</sup> February. Ward Cllr Andy Burton stated that objections would be taken right up to the Planning Committee which is pencilled in for the 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- A resident stated that even if people didn't use that standard letter, they could use it to write their own objections.
- Cllr P Kite stated that there were many objections listed in previous Minutes and that his intention was to condense these into a 'pick and mix' for people to use in their objections.
- A resident suggested having a presence in Stamford Bridge and Pocklington explaining about the proposal and giving out packs including a standard objection letter.
- A resident stated that there are already 4 Category C Prisons within a 42-mile radius to Full Sutton
- ERYC's Local Plan talks about Full Sutton not being suitable for development.
- A sentence of 6 months or less may be reduced to community service etc therefore new Prisons will not be needed.
- Is it worth placing an advert in the Pocklington Post?
- Cllr A Burton stated that it wouldn't hurt if everybody wrote or emailed the local MP Sir Greg Knight to convey the strength of feeling against the development.
- Clerk to check legality of the Parish Council paying for stationary/postage costs and supplying transport to the Planning Committee meeting.
- Many people think that it is simply an extension to the current prison and don't understand the sheer scale of it.
- A study of 4 other Category C Prisons states that visitor numbers are 2.6 times the 1.2 stated in the information provided in the application.
- There needs to be as many people as possible attending the Planning Committee meeting to show the feeling of the community against the proposals.
- A huge new prison in Wrexham for 2500 prisoners is not anywhere near capacity because they can't Staff it.
- A resident asked if it is worth holding peaceful demonstrations before the Planning Committee meeting.

- **Cllr A Burton stated again that a standard letter and petition will be taken into account but won't have the same impact as individually written objections.**

PK thanked the Parishioners for attending and closed the Open Forum at 7.52pm.

The meeting started at 7.54pm

1. **Present:** Chairman Cllr P Kite, Cllrs A Aikman, S Davies, P Beard, R Milling, S Barnes and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Vice Chairman Cllr A Davies and Cllr J Nightingale.
2. **Code of Conduct.**
  - a) To receive Declarations of Interest from members of the Council on matters relating to the Agenda. All Cllrs had previously declared an Interest in the Prison complex planning application.
  - b) To note the granting of any dispensations to members of the Council on matters relating to the Agenda. Dispensations previously issued.
3. The Minutes of the Full Sutton & Skirpenbeck Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were confirmed as a true record. PB proposed, RM seconded and all agreed. The Minutes were duly signed.
4. Ward Councillor Andy Burton was present and spoke in the Open Forum.
5. To discuss the New Outline Planning Application for a larger Prison in Full Sutton housing 1440 prisoners, review the progress regarding the proposed objection and put a plan in place for the next 6 weeks including:
  - a. **Information to be issued to residents and others requesting guidance.**  
There was a lengthy discussion during which Cllrs expressed concern regarding providing a standard letter for residents to send in, however due to the strength of feeling among residents attending the meeting the Cllrs agreed one should be included in a package of information to be sent out. PB proposed that a pack should be produced containing a standard letter that people can insert their name and address and sign to then send on to ERYC; an instruction leaflet; material considerations/list of objections; a template that people can add their own objections to. SB seconded and all agreed. SB to draft the standard letter, PK to draft the material considerations/objections, Clerk to draft the instructions/template. All drafts to be circulated by Wednesday evening for comments, final pack to be ready for photocopying Friday afternoon. SD to draft an email on behalf of residents asking for volunteers to put together and distribute the packs and man stalls at Stamford Bridge and Pocklington.
  - b. **Press release.**  
To be discussed at the next meeting.  
  
SB proposed that the Parish Council take a more pro-active approach via Twitter and the Media using answers to Freedom of Information requests, tagging reporters etc. PK seconded and all agreed. SB to circulate draft comments and in the absence of any replies post on social media.
  - c. **Information to be sent to Parish/Town Councils.**  
Completed packs to be circulated to Parish/Town Councils for distribution.
  - d. **Email to be drafted to send to members of the Planning Committee.**  
To be discussed at the next meeting.

e. **Transport to the Planning Committee meeting.**

PK proposed that the Parish Council pay for transport to the Planning Committee meeting, SB seconded and all agreed. Clerk to find out from ERNLLCA if this is allowed.

6. **Questions from Councillors.** There were no questions.

7. **Date and Venue of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm in the Training Unit at HMP Full Sutton. The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

8. **Confidential – to discuss quotes received and appoint a planning consultant.**

Clerk had asked four Consultants for quotes, only one was received by the deadline. AA proposed the PC appoint John Howlett, SD seconded and all agreed. PK to take the lead and contact JH.

Signed.....Chairman

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Signed.....Clerk

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