

## LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Extraordinary P.C. meeting held in the Sunday School Room at 7.00PM Mon. April 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Present :** Mr B. Davolls (Chairman) Mrs C. Mansfield (Clerk)  
Miss N. Norman (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs P. Finlayson  
Mrs T. Sienkiewicz  
Mr S. Crane

**Members of the public :** 17

#### **29/12 Apologies for absence**

Cllr N.Norman( unable to be present at the start, would arrive later)  
County Cllr. P. Maxwell(having several meetings to attend, would arrive late )

#### **30/12 Declaration of interests**

Cllrs. Sienkiewicz, Davolls and Norman (on arrival 19:10) registered personal interests regarding Planning application 12/00951/FULL.Probiotics building E.

#### **31/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record.

#### **32/12 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

#### **33/12 To establish a Diamond Jubilee Party Committee**

The proposal “to form a Jubilee Committee comprising Mrs C White, Mrs E Constable, Mrs P Rook, Mrs S A Howell and Cllr. S. Crane to oversee the Jubilee street party”. Proposed by Cllr.B Davolls and seconded by Cllr.M Finlayson was unanimously agreed.

#### **34/12 To consider planning application 12/00951/FULL ( Probiotics building E, Lopenhead ) and agree The Parish Council's response:**

The Chairman explained that the applicant was invited to attend the meeting to present the details of their application and answer any questions that may arise. This offer was declined.

In the applicant's absence, the Chairman gave a factual overview of the proposal and projected the detailed drawings along with supporting documents on screen.

On completion of the Chairman's presentation, the meeting was suspended(7.20.PM) for a public session.

The meeting reconvened following the completion of the public session (7.55PM) at which point, members were invited to make representations and ask questions. On conclusion of the members representations the Chairman asked the members to indicate:

- If they supported this application without comment. This was unanimously rejected.
- If they supported this application with comment. This was unanimously rejected.
- If they wished to recommend refusal and if so, on what grounds:  
Refusal was unanimously supported on the following grounds :  
*Lack of support from policy generally (to be itemised with reasons subsequent to this meeting).*  
*Not sustainable development.*  
*Not enough detail provided for consideration regarding full planning permission.*  
*Fosters the need to travel by private vehicle.*  
*Large-scale and inappropriate design of buildings will damage the local landscape and character.*  
*No overwhelming need demonstrated either for the applicant or for the wider community.*  
*Locally available brownfield sites( or other allocated sites) exist in Market Towns where this scale and type of development should take place. Market Towns provide better public transport availability and a greater need for employment on this scale.*  
*Needless loss of agricultural grade 1 land.*

### **35/12 County Councillor Report**

Whilst not on the agenda, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Paul Maxwell for attending the meeting and invited him to give a report on relevant matters.

Cllr. Maxwell reported on:

- The current situation regarding the unauthorised encampment at Eggwood Hill and went on to explain the ongoing efforts to resolve the issue.
- The speed limit reduction on the old A303 from Hayes End roundabout to the Seavingtons, declaring that it had now reached implementation stage and that this work should be completed shortly.
- The opportunity for villages to propose minor, safety related, road (or pavement) schemes to be short-listed and considered by Highways.

Cllr Maxwell was thanked for his efforts in winning a partial reprieve ( for this year only) from funding cuts relating to the Lengthsman scheme in Area North. Cllr Maxwell left the meeting , which was suspended for 2 minutes and resumed at 8.15PM

### **36/12 Future dates and times :**

Next scheduled meeting is Monday May 14th at 7.00PM (Annual Parish Council Meeting). To be preceded at 6.00PM by The Annual Parish meeting.

### **37/12 Any other business:**

None.

The meeting closed at 8.20PM