

# BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, Boughton**

Present		In Attendance	
Cllr S Potter (SP)	Chair	Mrs J Bunting	Clerk & RFO
Cllr T Wright (TW)	Vice-Chair	Cllr J Shephard (JS)	Ward Councillor
Cllr A Dale (AD)			
Cllr K Greatorex (KG)			
Cllr David James (DJ)			
Cllr C Mackaness (CM)			
Cllr J Shephard (JMS)		Two Members of WASPRA	
Cllr R Wilson (RW)		Eight Members of the Public	

### **19/2080 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **19/2081 To record Members Declarations of Interest (on Agenda items only)**

There were no declarations of interest. Councillors declarations of interest are recorded in their statutory declarations which can be viewed on the parish website.

### **19/2082 Public Open Forum Session**

Members of the public addressed the Parish Council summarised as follows: -

- a) WASPRA had carried out a new traffic assessment and had produced a comprehensive report based on extensive research. WASPRA noted that this was a rushed consultation with a lack of effective public consultation.
- b) Concerns were expressed with traffic modelling figures, traffic congestion, capacity of traffic at the Vyse Road roundabout.
- c) With the additional houses at Dallington Grange, Buckton Fields and Park Campus the NWRR would not provide a solution to the current traffic problems.
- d) The consultation had been poorly advertised.

### **19/2083 Highways/Planning**

Consider response to planning application:-

- a) NCC Application Number 19/00045/CCDFUL  
Land off A5199 Northampton Road (North West Relief Road) (previously circulated)  
The construction of new roads (Northampton North West Relief Road) on land South of the A5199 Northampton Road between the Brampton Health Golf Centre and the River Nene, including two new roundabouts and links bridging over the River Nene to Brampton Land and over the Northampton loop of the West Coast mainline to connect with the Dallington Grange development.

General discussion took place and Councillors views were summarised as follows: -

- NCC had not consulted properly.
- The impact of additional traffic was an important aspect but must not be all of the Parish Council's focus.

- There was no mention in the application of the negative impacts of the NWRR.
- The road was being sold as a project to help traffic.
- The traffic modelling figures did not add up.
- The development of houses would support the development of the road.
- The mitigation proposals by NCC were noted but there was no guarantee these would be approved by NCC Highways.
- NCC accept they must do something and were open for suggestions to do more. A transport/highways expert was required to look at further mitigation measures.
- Councillors noted that traffic mitigation measures for Boughton had already been explored by the Parish Council in some detail previously with NCC Highways. These had included a one-way system, 20 mph zones, chicanes and raised platforms. All these measures had been discounted by NCC Highways.
- The development at Buckton Fields was not mentioned in the application.
- There would be congestion routing traffic from the M1 to the local area.
- The road was not fit for purpose as there was no funding in place for the NNOR.
- Buckton Fields was already being used as a rat run. The villages would be used as rat runs with hundreds of additional cars.
- There would be further pollution from additional car fumes. The Kingsthorpe corridor was already one of the most polluted areas in Northampton.
- If the Parish Council were going to focus on mitigation professional advice would be required.
- Were the Parish Council intending to stop the road.
- The road needed SEMLEP funding and this was not yet secured.
- There was no evidence to support that 7,000 local residents had received letters regarding the exhibition/consultation.
- It was suggested that a Highways expert and/or a Town Planner or Barrister was needed to advise.
- If a plan was approved for traffic mitigation measures how much would the traffic be reduced by the mitigation measures.

b) Consider appointment of Transport and/or Planning Consultants

**Resolved:** To instruct Messrs Stirling Maynard Transportation to prepare a report to focus on traffic mitigation issues. It was agreed that the Chair would arrange and attend a meeting with Nigel Weeks.

**Resolved:** Following a proposal from Cllr Mackaness it was also agreed to instruct Messrs Leigh Day Solicitors to advise and also instruct Counsel to direct the Parish Council as Councillors unanimously agreed it was important to get a legal view.

c) Agree budget/virement of funds for appointment of Transport and/or Planning Consultants

RW advised that there was approximately a joint reserve of £7,000 in the Legal Reserve and Traffic Calming Reserve.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed a budget of £3,500 each for the costs of instructing Leigh Day Solicitors (to include advice from Counsel) and Messrs Stirling Maynard Transportation.

d) DA/2019/0554 42 Church Street, Boughton, NN2 8SG

Demolition of garden room and construction of two storey extension

**Resolved:** The property is in the Conservation Area of Boughton and whilst it was not listed it has two listed properties situated either side of it and Councillors believed the involvement and advice of the Conservation Officer was essential.

The Parish Council noted the revisions and recognised that the applicant had reduced the scale of the design but the proposed rear extension was still quite large. The rear windows were out of scale with the rest of the property and the Parish Council emphasised that the proposed materials must match existing. The proposals for the rear extension were contrary to the design guidance (paragraph 8.1) of the recently adopted Boughton Village Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

**19/2084 Urgent Matters for Report Only (Notified to the Chair before the Meeting)**

None

**19/2085 Date of Next Meeting**

The next full Council meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The Chair thanked the members of WASPRA and the public for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Cllr S Potter  
Chair

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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Annex 1 - Summary of Actions**

Action	Who	Min No.
Arrange a meeting and instruct Messrs Stirling Maynard Transportation	Chair	19/2083b
Instruct Messrs Leigh Day Solicitors	CM	19/2083b
Complete planning application response to DDC	Clerk	19/2083d