

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th April 2019 in St Mary the Virgin Church, Buckland.

Present:

Cllrs Husband (Chairman), Bourke, Cox, Horden, Jones, Pryor and Steed, and the Clerk.

In attendance: PCSO David Sadler, 16 residents and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

(314) None.

2. Declarations of Interest

(315) None.

3. Requests for Dispensations

(316) None.

4. Minutes

(317) Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2019, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Open Forum

(318) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited input from the attendees relating to the revised plans setting out proposed changes at the Shell garage.

(319) Council listened to a wide range of concerns relating to MO/2018/1848 that had included:

- (i) Any proposal to extend the current operating hours should be considered inappropriate development in the green belt;
- (ii) Any further increase in vehicle movements will further undermine highways safety and should not be allowed without highways improvements;
- (iii) Increased visitor numbers will create congestion beyond the curtilage of the site;
- (iv) Servicing of the retail store will create more noise and proposed layout will undermine the amenity of neighbouring properties;
- (v) A lack of detailing makes it difficult to assess the impact and of proposed lighting and adequacy of boundary planting/fencing schemes;
- (vi) A lack of respect for the local community and appreciation of the site's green belt location results in inconsiderate and inappropriate operation of the site e.g. failure to prevent litter blowing from the site onto adjacent land, employees leaving illuminated signs lit when site closes and a proliferation of onsite marketing paraphernalia creating a mess and obscuring sightlines.

(320) Council acknowledged concern expressed about Shell's application for a 24/7 alcohol licence. PCSO Sadler reported that the Police Officer who reviews licence applications had advised the police are not proposing to raise any objection.

(321) PCSO Sadler, responding to queries raised by residents advised anyone:

- (i) whose vehicle incurs damage when parked in Tranquil Dale to submit a report to the police explaining that unless details are exchanged at the time of an incident, a failure to report an incident causing such damage is a crime;
- (ii) in possession of photographic evidence (whether dashcam footage or photos taken using a camera or phone) of an incident to use the Surrey police on-line tool to submit a report;
- (iii) who feels threatened by another driver to call 999, explaining that officers will be tasked to respond;
- (iv) concerned about highways safety in the vicinity of the junction to submit reports to Surrey Highways.

- (322) The Chairman thanked PCSO Sadler for attending the meeting, directed local residents to check the Report it and Parish News pages of the website for help finding reporting links and advised that Council will submit an additional response to the planning application and publish a copy on the village website on Monday 29th April 2019.

6. Planning

Planning Application

- (323) MO/2018/1848: Demolish existing sales building and remove linked canopy and LPG enclosure, erect new single storey sales building, gated timber fenced compound area with bins and plant units. Provide 12 No. new customer parking bays at Buckland Garage, Reigate Road, Buckland, RH3 7ED. Council, having considered the proposal **resolved** to restate its objection to this planning application and agreed the key issues to be included in the response. **Action:** Clerk.

Licensing

- (324) Council considered the recent application for a new Premises Licence at Shell Waitrose Buckland. Council noted the applicant is seeking a 24/7 alcohol licence (Current licence: 0600-2300) and introduce an overnight offer of hot food and drinks. Council resolved to submit a response to restate previously expressed concerns re litter and to query whether the proposed extensions are reasonable given ongoing public safety concerns at Buckland's former quarries. **Action:** Clerk.

7. Formalities

- (325) Council **resolved** to appoint Martin Cantor, Philip Haynes, Debbie Jones and Amanda Oakes-Smith nominative trustees to **Buckland Parochial Charity**, the village charity, for a four-year term. Council noted that Philip Haynes had indicated an intention to step down upon completion of a suitable handover period of the Treasurer role to Martin Cantor.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- (298) The **Parish Council** confirmed the next full Council Meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Monday 13th May 2019 and subsequent meetings are scheduled on 8th July, 9th September and 11th November 2019 and on 13th January and 9th March 2020.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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