

**MINUTES OF THE OUT RAWCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Swannie (Chair); Mrs D Andrews; R Beatson; M Gardner; Mrs A Metcalf; J Wilkinsson; P Cartridge (WC); J Shedwick (LCC). The meeting opened at 7.30pm. The Chairman welcomed those present.

**100/1 Apologies:** Nil

**100/2 Declaration of interest.**

Members were reminded of the requirement to declare any direct or indirect pecuniary or other interests in accordance with the code of conduct and to update the register as necessary.

**100/3 Minutes.** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

**100/4 Open Forum.** No members of the public present.

**100/5 Flood Forum.** Dredging of rivers had been raised as a main issue. Noted that the Environment Agency had been sadly lacking in responding to concerns.

**100/6 Owl Wood Maintenance Review.** The bench had been moved and the hedge cutting done. JW had removed the spoil. Red safety fencing to be removed.

**100/7 Highways faults.** Funding had been allocated to Moss Side Lane.

**100/8 War Memorial repairs.** MG reported that not much could be done to enhance the lettering due to the nature of the materials and lead paint no longer being available. Periodic cleaning would be carried out. MG to attempt light wire wool abrasion and thin paint coat.

**100/9 Planning Consultations:**

23/00651 – Camberley Farm – COU to storage caravans. Object on the grounds of loss of valuable agricultural land; Impact on local road network; inadequate flood mitigation measures.

23/00924/COU – Dog Walking Field: If the LPA is minded to grant consent, we would request a condition that the use cannot be turned over to any other commercial use and that the field remains grass laid. When the use applied for is terminated, the land must be returned to agricultural use.

23/00831 – Cranberry Farm – No objection

23/00862 – Oakfield – No objection

23/00806/LAWE – Lower Hudsons Farm: PC to establish position with LPA.

23/00769 – Tudor Farm. Object on the following grounds: original agricultural building ventilated boarding has been insulated and mezzanine floor was removed as required by Enforcement but has been replaced. The building has been enclosed with visqueen and insulation and is used for stabling in association with Willowfields stables and not cattle. It is no longer suitable for cattle as the wall ventilation has been removed. We have evidence that animals are brought in to support planning applications and then slaughtered afterwards. There is no evidence of how the effluent from the supposed 80 cattle is being disposed of contrary to DEFRA requirements. CTS online indicates that the animal movements do not tally with the applicant's claims, we recommend that CST Online is consulted to ascertain the true level of agricultural use. The land at the rear of Valiants that the applicant claims to rent is subject to an application for a solar farm. A septic tank has been installed and a water treatment plant is on site indicating that the site is being used as dwellings. The stables scheduled for removal under a previous enforcement action have not been removed. A full review of consents is required for this site. We also understand that the applicant has been intimidating objectors as there has been Police involvement. The buildings that were required to be removed under the terms of a historic appeal on the site have not been, Wyre Council has therefore effectively overruled the findings of the Planning Inspector by allowing the previous application demonstrating an extraordinary level of incompetence.

LCC/2023/0031-Iron House Farm – object on following grounds: impact on rural environment; public nuisance; inadequate local road network; inadequate information as regards frequency of vehicle movements (average annual movements cannot be monitored); loss of seasonality (impact on residents); increase in airborne plastic waste, evidenced from local hedgerows.

Licensing – Valiants – an application had been submitted for 12 x 3 day events for up to 5000 people. Police likely to object. Object on the grounds of public nuisance and lack of transport links.

**100/10 Planning Enforcement:** No further items were tabled.

**Finance**

**100/11 Payment approved:** - Lengthsman – Contract fee - £490.00

**100/12 Payment approved:** - HMRC – PAYE - £200.00

**100/13 Clerk’s Report:** No further items were tabled.

**100/14 Items for agenda:** Xmas tree purchase; Remembrance day wreath.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed .....Chairman

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