

BRINTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 19th August 2024
TIME: 9.30am
PLACE: Sharrington Village Hall
PRESENT: Cllr D. Hyslop (Chairman), Cllr. S. Gray, Cllr. R. Hyslop
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Jennings (Clerk)

10 members of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 9.30am who welcomed everyone.

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr O’Kane and District Cllr. Andrew Brown
2. **Declarations of interest and any dispensations of disclosable pecuniary interests**
None

The meeting closed for Public Participation

3. **Public questions, comments or representations**

Members of the public raised various concerns regarding the planning application.

The over whelming concern raised regarded the main A148 road and the ‘slip road’ leading into the current site. Dangers posed by the existing retail stall on the fastest stretch of the A148 where accidents and roadside parking occur too often. This is because of high speed, overtaking and unawareness of the probability of vehicles suddenly emerging from any of the seven entry points. Photographs have been circulated showing recent accidents at the site. Road safety should be paramount especially with many tourists and elderly drivers stopping at the site. Residents disputed the traffic flow figures supplied. Comments included that this was the wrong place for such a development and not appropriate in this position on the busy fast moving A148. Concern was expressed on the contradictory and out of date information supplied. There had been a number of near misses as well as accidents reported by residents. Concern for the safety of all road users which would be in jeopardy if the application were approved. There were a number of safety issues which should be considered.

The car park entrance itself does not allow for two cars to pass each other and is not big enough now or as proposed to allow for large vehicles to turn round in the area. Many of the proposed spaces will be used by staff creating a bottle neck for visitors. There is no public transport to the site and Parishioners would have to cross a very busy road if they wished to visit. The application said that part of the retail space would be a Butcher’s and that this was needed in the local area, there is in fact a Butchers just a mile along the A148 towards Holt, also in Melton Constable, Bristol, Holt and meat is available at the Parkside Garage at Bale. All these are within 3 miles of each other.

Parishioners were also concerned that not enough information has been received regarding the disposal of sewage and wastewater.

The main barn may be sub-divided to create space for individual businesses causing refrigeration noise for neighbouring properties. Lighting at night would very much affect the 'dark sky' policy in a locality on the edge of the Glaven Conservation area.

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On the proposition of Cllr R. Hyslop, seconded by Cllr S. Gray the meeting reopened.

4. Planning

To discuss and make observations on any applications received:

4.1 PF/24/1479 - Change of use agricultural building to shop/café (Class E), with associated external alterations; alterations to car park layout. Sharrington Strawberries, Holt Road, Sharrington, NR24 2PH.

On the proposition of Cllr Hyslop, seconded by Cllr Gray with all in favour that Brinton Parish Council agreed to object to the application. Councillors are not against expansion and diversification of businesses in the area but feel that the A148 and the entrance to the site is too dangerous for these proposals. They also felt that a lot more information is required regarding some of the statements received.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 26th September 2024.

Meeting closed at 10.30am

Signed

Date