

Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Bredfield Parish Council held on 15th February 2010, at Bredfield Bowls Club at 7.00 p.m.

Present. Mr D Hepper, Mr G Taylor, Mr T Richardson, Ms A Henderson, Mr A Miller, Mr P Tilley.

Chair: Mr A Miller

1) Apologies. Ms D Causier

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Planning

2) C/10/0252 1 Forge House Bredfield, construction of vehicular access.

Mr Taylor declared his interest in the application to the council.

Mr Miller and Mr Hepper made comment that any development that alleviated parking by providing an off-road provision for parking and turning along the C309 in this area was to be welcomed.

The clerk was asked to respond to the planning authority highlighting the continued issue of HGV traffic in this area.

The council supported the application unanimously.

3) C/10/0255 Ivy lodge The Street, Erection of extension to farm building

Mr Taylor declared his interest in the application to the council.

The clerk explained that his view was that this matter was not covered by Local Plan Policy (LPP) AP9 “extensions to commercial activities”, however the development should be covered under LPP AP48 “expansion of existing units”. Mr Taylor was invited to address the Council to tell them of the proposed use of the new building. Mr Taylor advised the Council that due to changes in farming practise and contractual changes he required the space for the storage of harvested crops. He felt there would be no increase in traffic due to the development.

Mr Tilley, Ms Henderson and Mr Miller sought further clarification over any impacts that might occur to neighbouring residential properties. The Parish Council having satisfied themselves that changes affecting the traffic and neighbours would be minimal supported the application unanimously.

4) SORR (Save Our Rural Roads)

In light of recent developments concerning the possible expansion of SORR, SORR has asked its members to review its “shape, objectives and constitution” at a future meeting. The Council reviewed the current position and made recommendations to SORR’s for the future. It was generally agreed that it was not BPC's place to agree or disagree to whether another parish joins SORR.

However, the Council felt strongly that SORR's strategic aims and objectives should remain clear and should not be over-burdened by any individual parish issues. SORR's work involving strategic highways management and planning issues is key to supporting and complimenting parishes in their role in dealing with local highways management and planning.

SORR needs to ensure that its role is clearly defined to all members old and new.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.